£534m trade deficit is worst ever

Britain's visible trade deficit in November was deterioration occurred in spite of a drop in the Department of Trade figures show that the jumped by £50m.

£534m, the largest monthly deficit ever recorded deficit on oil and oil products. The value of and £99m higher than the October total. exports fell by £49m last month, while imports

Blow to Government's economic policy

By Melvyn Westlake Economics Staff A dramatic deterioration in A dramatic deterioration in Britain's overseas trade position last month has dealt a serious blow to the Government's economic policy. At £534m, the visible trade deficit in November was the largest ever recorded in a single month, and £99m worse than in October.

199m worse than in October.
Official figures released by
the Department of Trade yesterday show that this deterioration occurred in spite of a drop in the deficit on oil and oil pro-

the international exchanges the rate for sterling again fell heavily, although much of the selling appeared to take place about lunch-time in expectation of the trade news.

The pound fell a further cent against the dollar, to \$2.3075.

Its effective depreciation against 10 key currencies, compared with three years ago, worsened sharply to 21.9 per cent, the weakest level ever, from 21.4 per cent on Wednesday even-

per cent on wednesday even-ing.

November was the third con-secutive month in which the visible trade deficit has worsened. The value of exports fell last month by £49m to £1,297m, compared with Octo-her, while imports jumped £50m

After allowance has been maintained only as a made for an estimated £130m result of a marked increase in export prices. There seems to have been a decline in the real volume of goods sold overseas. that is, trade in services, trans-fers, and profits, interest and dividends, the November current account deficit comes out at £404m, against £305m for the previous month.

The sharp rise in Britain's import bill in November appears to be mainly explained by the delivery of three large aircraft to British Airways and unusually high imports of ships. However, the trade figures cannot be other than 2 high disnot be other than a big disappointment to the Govern-

Since the summer there have been signs that the non-oil deficit was beginning to widen again after the promising improvement of earlier months. The latest non-oil deficit is the largest for a year.

There was, in fact, a fall from £330m to £307m on Britain's oil deficit. Over the past three mouths, imports of oil have fallen on average by about 3 per cent, while imports of other goods, particularly chemicals, machinery and cars. rose 2 per cent. More cars, rose 2 per cent. More worrying, however, has been the stagnation in exports, which showed no growth during the tirree mouths.

Whether that is a sign that British exports are becoming uncompetitive in international markets or just the result of a markets or just the result of a general contraction in world trade will take time to emerge. But the recent decline in the value of the pound should help to improve British competitive-ness, by making goods cheaper in terms of foreign currencies.

For that reason it is believed that a further gradual and con-tained fall in the sterling rate would not be unwelcome to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

However, the threat of aggravating the external position will be a big constraint on the Chancellor in any action he may like to take to reflate the economy and halt the predicted rise in the level of unemploy-ment. Any such action runs the risk not only of fuelling inflation but of sucking in imports and pushing the country's over-seas trade position ever more deeply into the red.

It now seems almost certain that the total current account deficit for 1974 will be about e three mouths.

£3,800m, the largest annual defi-cit ever, by a very large margin.

been successful so far in en-couraging the Arab countries to invest their oil surpluses in Britain and thereby help to finance the current account defi-cit, there is always the danger that a serious deterioration in the trade position could lead to a to: ic., uf confidence in the British economy and a flight from sterling.

The recent estimate by the National Institute of Economic and Social Research that inflation in Britain may reach 25 per cent next year has led to a good deal of concern, while fears of a clash between the Govern-ment and the miners' union has further compounded these wor-

There has been much speculation in the City that there will soon have to be a fresh rise in domestic interest rates to attract a coutinuing flow of Middle East funds into London. Such a move would no doubt be resisted as long as possible because of its wide political implications.

The fall in interest rates in other countries in recent weeks has so far enabled Britain to avoid that choice and to reduce domestic rates slightly.

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Mr McGahey (left) after yesterday's meeting; and Mr Gormley addressing a press conference



Moderate miners defeat attack by left wing

By Paul Routledge

The social contract yester-The social contract yesterday survived a determised
assault by left-wing miners'
leaders after Mr Joseph Gormley, the mineworkers' president,
left his sick bed to overturn a
ruling by the communist vicepresident. Mr Michael McGalley, that tied the union to
a militant wage demand
The day-long political drama
began when the executive of
the National Union of Mineworkers were bitterly divided
over their negotiating team's

workers were bitterly divided over their negotiating team's recommendation to pursue a package claim for £30 a week across the board for 270,000 miners. It came to a head with a walkout by 12 moderates, who protested at Mr McGahey's refusal to count six yores cast. refusal to count six votes cast against militancy, and ended when Mr Gormley beat off a challenge to his constitutional authority and set the union back on a moderate course.

Brushing aside the niceties of-

were free to vote according to their conscience rather than in line with majority decisions of subcommittees on which they On the casting vote of Mr McGabey, the negotiating con-

nittee opted seven to six three days ago for the militant claim, and while taking the chair because of Mr Gornley's absence he ruled vesterday that six moderates present at that meeting could not vote against the committee's recommendation.

The doctrine of collective committee responsibility has been observed as custom and practice on the NUM executive. and it was supported by Mr Gormley in the past. But such was the intensity of political feeling that the president broke with previous practice and ordered a free vote. The result was a 14-12 rejection of the £30-

precedent, Mr Gormley ruled union will now meet the that members of the executive National Coal Board on Tuesday for exploratory talks on a claim for unspecified "substantial" increases, and the outcome will be considered at a special executive meeting the day after. Mr Gormley, who with his political rival, Mr McGahey, will repre-sent the NUM, declined to discass figures yesterday, although he did say during the meeting that the fate worker at present on £45 a week was worth £100. That, of course, will not be the

ciaim.

Pressure brought to bear on the NUM to adhere to the voluntary wage restraint guidelines in the social contract from the TUC economic committee and from Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, was clearly a strong motivating factor in yesterday's decision.

Mr Gormley said after it was all over: "I want the NUM to be seen as far as possible to be

ported us this last three years.
I also want us to be seen to
be helping the Labour Government to provide for those who
may be worse off than us, and
help inflation and deal with all the problems facing Britain. I do not want the NUM to be the nigger in the woodpile, because the NUM hippens to be a very big nigger. That is not the best way for socialists to react to a Labour government. The country is in a hell of a mess.

If we don't realize that, we could be in the catastrophe like everybody else. We would be damned foolish.

"I think there is a lot within the social contract that will allow miners to get substantial increases and still not be in conflict with what the TUC or the Minister of Employment says. I think there is sufficient room, if we use it, to get a good deal for miners. This was a vote for common sense."-

Ne ballot rigging, page 2

for cheap sugar runs

into snags
From Our Own Correspondent
Grussels, Dec 12 The European Community's cheme to provide British nousewives with relatively cheap sugar has run into difficulties.

The European Commission, which last week opened tenders for traders to buy up to 200,000 tons of sugar on the world market, has furned down all the offers it has received so far bucause the bids were considered to be too high.

Under the scheme, traders purchase at high world market prices and the Community subsidizes the price down to an EEC level of about £160 a ton. At the same time, to keep down the costs of the operation, traders sell part of next year's EEC crop on the futures mar-

Commission officials blame the failure of the first stage of the scheme on the fact that for the scheme of the sch during the closure of the Paris sugar market. They also sus-pect that traders may have been submitting optimistically high tenders in the hope that the Commission is so desperate to make the scheme work that it

will pay exaggerated prices.

The efficials are fairly confident that with the resumption of logar trading in Paris next week, subsequent tenders will

be more successful.

Meanwhile, the European
Community is planning to sell 100,000 tons of its milk surplus at cut rate prices to the developing world. Under proposals announced by the European Commission today, the Community would sell skimmed milk powder at a price of about £200 a ton, compared with a world price of

about £350 a ton. hir Agricultural Correspondent rites: Ministers from caneroducing countries vesterday rejected a proposal from the British Government that European sugar users should pay 1200 a ton for raw sugar next year. At the same time, British cane refiners made it clear that they were reluctant to reduce their claims for Community sub-sidies after rejection of their first tender by the EEC Com-

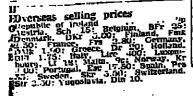
mission.
Mr Percival Patterson, Jamaican Minister of Foreign Trade and spokesman for 25 cane-proand spokesman for 25 cane-pro-ducing countries in the Africa-ducing countries in the Africa-dafter a meeting with Mr Peart, Minister of Agriculture: "We are not here to extort but we are not here to be exploited."

He said that the 25 countries He said that the 25 countries

had unanimously rejected EEC sugar pricing policy as a basis for negotiation about 1,400,000 tons of sugar for which access tons or sugar for which access to the Community had been guaranteed. They wanted a price that took account of world market changes. The present world market price of the sugar is more than 5450 a raw sugar is more than £450 a ton, compared with an EEC internal price of less than £180. Jess than £180.

Prisoner escapes

A search was being made last night for a Dartmoor prisoner who escaped from his escort while at Mount Gold Hospital, Plymouth. Geoffrey John Ashford, aged 24, was serving five trears for burglary, robbery and r ssault on the police.



EEC scheme Rhodesia constitutional conference in London forecast for next year

From Our Correspondent Lusaka, Dec 12

ian constitutional problem is expected here to take place in London early next year, prob-ably in February. An announce-ment is likely in the next few

days.

A statement issued by the African National Council, now the sole Rhodesian nationalist movement, said today: "Without precondition on both sides we are ready to enter into immediate and meaningful negotiations with the leaders of the Rhodesian Front and with the Rhodesian Front and with the British Government in Britain on the steps to be taken to

Energy Correspondent

Gas prices for domestic users

will rise by an average of about

l2 per cent in the new year, the

British Gas Corporation announced yesterday. The Price

Commission has approved its application for rises, which vary through the 12 regions.

The higher gas prices will be followed by increases in electricity prices. A 6 per cent

increase to compensate for

bigger power station fuel bills

is on the way and a further 20 per cent application is being

formulated to return the indus-

try to the black. Both rises are part of the Government's cam-

paign to curb energy consump-

tion by ensuring that realistic prices are charged and subsidies in the nationalized industries

British Gas said yesterday that

Muzorewa, Mr Joshua Nkomo, the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole and Mr James Chikerema, says that as a demonstration of their sincerity "all freedom fighters will be instructed, as soon as a date for negotiations has been fixed, to suspend fighting". Bishop Muzorewa later clari-

highest, to about 15 to 16 per cent in the Midlands, which has

The increases take effect

from the first meter readings

consumers of small amounts of

gas paying less and large con-

sumers more. The corporation

said the latter would benefit from the installation of credit

Tariffs will be simplified.

making it easier for customers

in September.

enjoyed low tariffs.

in this statement, according to news agency reports, saying it had been drawn up before a statement from Mr Smith saying he had been assured the fighting would stop immediately. In other words, there is no contradiction. The position has been resulted and the over has been resolved and the ques-tion of a ceasefire with it," he said.]

achieve independence on the Bishop Muzorewa, Mr Nkomo basis of majority rule."

The statement, signed by the day on a Zambian air force four main leaders, Bishop Abel DC6 for Salisbury after scenes

Gas prices go up next

several thousand

several thousand
Michael Knipe writes from
Salisbury: A jubilant crowd
greeted the three men when
they appeared in Highfield,
Salisbury's African township.
The crowd of about 2,000
thronged round the men and
Mr Sithole, leader of the
Zimbabwe African National
Union, was picked up and carried shoulder high. Mr Nkomo,
leader of the Zimbabwe African
Peoples Union, remained on his
feet but received an equally
enthusiastic reception.
The two men recently re-

The two men, recently re-leased from jail, were well dressed in lounge suits and looking healthy and alert South African reaction and text of Smith statement, page 9 Leading article, page 19

Licensing curb over

By Our Agricultural Correspondent

said last night that movements of pigs in England and Wales would be allowed only by licence from midnight tonight, after renewed outbreaks of swine

after January 1. They are necessary, the corporation said, because of higher wages and salaries, and increased costs of raw materials and supplies. Changes will be made in the tariffs for coin meters with Britain two years ago.

to change from one tariff to another. Gas prices to nondomestic users were increased The new increases will add the increases will vary from 7 to about £95m to revenue, but are tion of a new £27.80 minimum fourth-west England, where tariffs have ben traditionally £41m loss last year, to a profit. | 23.

pig disease

The Ministry of Agriculture

In the past month 31 outbreaks have been confirmed, incluoing five yesterday in Wilt-shire, Cumbria and the Midlands. Almost 180,000 pigs have been slaughtered, costing farmers more than £5m, since the disease was first confirmed in Farm wage clash : Farmworkers'

leaders seeking a £35 minimum wage left a meeting of the Agricultural Wages Board last night determined to obstruct confirma-

Universities to get an extra £15m

Education Correspondent Universities are to get an extra £15m to meet the rising costs of inflation, Mr Prefrice, Secretary of State for Education. and Science, autounced in the

special meeting with Mr Pren-tice to discuss the memorandum in which the vice-chancellors said they needed an increased grant of £24m this year to meet the costs of universities' running expenses.

The universities started the academic year 1974-75 with a recurrent grant of £370m. They were about £40m worse off than they should have been because the Government did not pay the usual supplementary grant to compensate for inflation. In July Mr Prentice was able to give universities an extra £4m. So assuming an inflation rate of about 20 per cent the universities are with the latest grant about £21m worse off than they might have expected.

Mr Prentice told the Comwould announce new levels of university grants for the academic vears 1975-77. added ominously that the new levels would take into account Florence.

the fact that the number of students going to university has not risen as rapidly as was expected when the quinquennium

Mr. Laurie Sapper, general secretary of the Association of University Teachers, said he was Commons yesterday:

This follows the stiffest demand yet for more money in the form of a memorandum sent in October by the Committee of Vice-Chancellors to a . said : "There are still more than government minister. Last week a thousand posts now left un-the committee's leaders had a filled in the university sector, and there is no evidence that the numbers of students will be significantly less."

Professor Arthur Armitage, chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors, said: "This sum will obviously belp universities in their grave situation. It clearly involves the continuation of substantial economies." He also welcomed the Gov-

eroment's intention to announce the levels of grant for the next two academic years soon. The universities were already receive ing students for 1975, he said; and the announcement of future grants and numbers would complete the financial picture essen-tial for planning ahead until the end of the present quinquen-

Mr Prentice also told the mons that in due course he Commons that the United King-would announce new levels of dom intended to accede to the convention establishing a European University Institute for 500 postgraduate students in

Upset stomach halts Wilson engagements

stomach upset and has been advised by his doctor to cancel all engagements for the next three days, is was announced from 10 Downing Street yester-

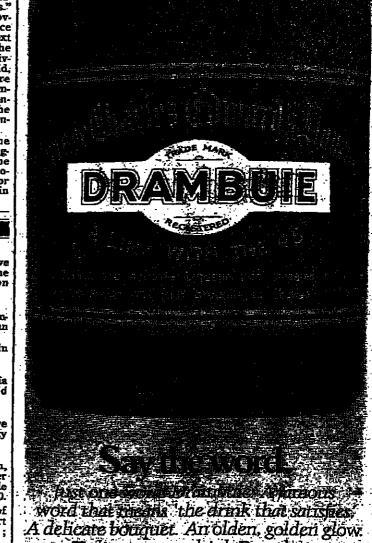
Mr Wilson was to have made Our Political Editor writes: A a statement in the Commons six-page White Paper reprinting yesterday on the EEC summit week, and that has been post-poned until Monday. His Com-mons questions were taken by Mr Short, deputy leader of the Labour Party.

"The Prime Minister has a minor vital infection which has caused an upset stomach", a

Downing Street spokesman said The Prime Minister has a yesterday. Mr Wilson was to the TUC General Council about the Shrewsbury pickets, and to have attended a dinner for voluntary organizations last night, but both engagements have been postponed.

meeting in Paris earlier this end of the Paris EEC sammit niceting was published yester-day. Some left-wing Labour MPs had hoped to press questions about it on Mr Wilson at a meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party at the House last night

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Engineers call for prompt

and big rises

Leaders of the engineering unious, representing about 2,500,000 workers, yesterday agreed to seek an increase of at least £8 a week on basic rates, and to insist on a quick settlement.

Some union leaders are said to believe that an increase of £18, to bring the weekly basic rate to £50, would be more appropriate. Mr Hugh Scanlon is expected to lead the unions in their expected to lead the unions in their talks with the employers Page 4

Israel planes attack Palestinian camp

I areal jets yesterday raided a Palestinian camp in Beirut. This followed a bomb attack by a Palestinian terrorist in a Tel Aviv cinema, in which one of the two persons killed was British. An Israel aircraft also attacked fishing boats in the Lebanese port of Sarafand. Page 8

EEC budget altered
The European Parliament yesterday

asserted for thet first time its new legislative power to change the EEC budget. British Conservative MPs, returning hurriedly from the Commons. helped to carry the first vote against the Council of Ministers by 110 to nil. with one abstention



Frankie Howerd, the comedian, raised a smile with the Duchess of Kent at a Christmas party for the "Not Forgotten" Association for disabled ex-Servicemen yesterday.

Nato discusses oil

Economic problems dominated the sixmonthly meeting of the Nato Ministerial Council in Brussels yesterday. The differences between the French and the Americans on energy were also dis-cussed. Dr Kissinger once again emphasized the importance of oil conumer solidarity.

Cowdrey in Test 12

Colin Cowdrey is among 12 players from whom England will choose their team for the second Test match against Australia starting at Perth today. Amiss, Edrich, Lever and Hendrick were ruled our by illness or injury. Page 16 Page 16

Bonn's economic precautions

A series of measures aimed at expanding the economy without increasing inflation, and countering a further weakening of general economic activity, were announced yesterday by the West German Government after two days of Cabinet meetings.

Among the measures is a boost of DM1,130m (about £198m) for industrial investment and DM600m (about £105m) to counter unemployment Journalists' strike called: The National

Union of Journalists has recommended

provincial journalists to strike from January 1 to back a pay claim 2 Language experiment: Teaching Freuch at primary-school age is of no real advantage, study of 11-year national trials decides

New trial: Conviction of a youth for

theft was quashed by the Court of Appeal because he pleaded guilty under Men's oral contraceptive: Hormones already in use to treat bone disorders have induced reversible sterility with no harmful side-effects, two Australian

scientists say

mas presents

Saudi assurance: Mr Healey is believed to have been given assurances that there has been no change in Saudi Arabian investment policy 21 Watches: A two-page Special Report on the industry, with ideas for Christ-

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Arts, page 11 Lord Harewood gives an exclusive interview to John Higgins about the resumption of opera at the London , • Leader page, 19

Letters: On the advertisement concerning Britain and Israel, from Dr Adrian Ziderman and others Leading articles: Sterling; Progress in Rhodesia. Features, pages 12 and 18 Richard Harris explains why East Asia is determined to keep the West a world

Sport, pages 15-17 Cricket: English counties receive smaller shareout from Test and County

Business News, pages 21-29 Stock market: Gilts weakened again, and share prices turned down after the announcement of the UK trade deficit. The FT index fell 0.4 to 150.0. Financial Editor: Implications of Distillers' projected cutbacks; support pointers from National Commercial

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Union strike call to 8,000 journalists on provincial papers

By Alan Hamilton Labour Staff Leaders of the National Union of Journalists are recommend-ing their 8,000 members in pro-vincial newspapers to take strike action from January 1, after this week's breakdown of

nalists' pay claim.

The decision on whether to call an all-out stoppage on local daily and weekly papers will be taken by union members at office branch meetings next real. It will be the second size week. It will be the second time in recent weeks that the NUJ's provincial members have dis-cussed possible strike action over the claim; last time the

proposal was defeated by only narrow majority.

Last month the union staged a campaign of working to rule and "blacking" of all newspaper copy not written by union members. The action led to the dismissal of 67 journalists in two newspapers, the Kentish Times and the Slough Evening Mail, and consequent sympathy strikes by journalists

in the London region.

The NUJ is seeking a basic weekly rate of £51.18 for all weekly rate of £51.18 for all senior journalists on provincial newspapers, which would require increases of between £7.50 and £13.31 on present basic rates. The Newspaper Society, which represents the provincial newspaper managements, has made what it describes as a "final" across-the-board offer of an extra £7.

Efforts by the Department of

Employment's Conciliation and Arbitration Service to settle the dispute at a meeting with both sides on Wednesday failed
Mr Eric Blott, the NUJ's
deputy general secretary, said
yesterday that during the conciliation talks the employers

had refused to move their position, while the union had been prepared to reduce its claim to allow the dispute to be settled.

"Faced with this intransi-gence, the union is left with no other course open to it than to

ship with an executive council recommendation to take strike action from January 1", Mr

Blott said. The Newspaper Society has said that its members could not afford to meet the NUPs claim conciliation efforts in the jour-

in full

in full.

In Fleet Street, where key printing workers of the National Graphical Association are threatening disruption, all national newspapers appeared normally yesterday morning. But NGA representatives from each national newspaper print-ing plant met at their union's London office yesterday afternoon to discuss tactics.

After the failure of peace alks with the Newspaper Publishers Association over the NGA claim for the restoration of differentials, the NGA has decided to go ahead with a campaign of disruptive industrial action, although it has stopped short of calling a strike The union's exact battle plans. The union's exact battle plans are being kept a closely guarded secret, but it is believed that the first papers to suffer will be those in the strongest financial position.

In another dispute involving the NGA, that at the Odhams printing plant at Watford, the committee of inquiry set up in August by Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, yesterday published its find-

ings. The The inter-union dispute between the NGA and the Society of Lithographic Artists, Designers, Engravers and Process Workers was over which union should operate new photo-typesetting machinery at the plant.

The report says that the two unions should get together to work out a specific formula, not only to end the present dispute but to cover any future introduction of technological innovations at the Odhams plant. Some modification of traditional distinctions between printing unions must be made

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The Prince of Wales talking with Lieutenant-Commander Voute, former commander of 707 Squadron, before leading a helicopter fly-past.

Prince of qualifies o helicopters

completed his helicopter at Royal Naval Air Station vilton, and was awarde Double Diamond Trophy f student making most pro; In a fly-past to mark the anniversary of 707 Squadt led a formation of 16 helic trailing coloured smoke. E his personal banner from

craft's winch-wire. The Prince was later ; ted with a desk-set at : mony on the station apro-Lieutenant- Commande Voute, the commanding of said that during his months at the station the had completed 105 flying in 45 days, " quite a hard

There was a cheer will said: "You will be de to hear that Prince Char

custody at Guildford Magistrates' Court yesterday, charged with murder arising from the bombing of the King's Arms public house, Woolwich, last

An hour earlier Paul Michael Hill, aged 20, and Patrick Joseph Armstrong, aged 24, had been charged at Guildford police station. Both were already in custody accused with others of the murder of Miss Caroline Slater, aged 18, one of the five who died in the Guildford bomb-

Later four men and two women appeared, charged with murdering Miss Slater.

All the defendants were remanded in custody until Mon-

Two charged Church peace team waits in hope with killing at Woolwich The result of the melocate Woolwich of the melocate with the result of the melocate with

dramatic and unprecedented Two men were remanded in secret meeting between Pro-ustrody at Guildford Magis testant church leaders and senior members of the Provi-sional IRA remained in doubt last night. The Church of Ireland Bishop of Connor Dr Butler, and his colleagues waited for a formal reply to

their request for a ceasefire in Northern Ireland. Mr David O'Connell, the IRA leader, Mr Seamus Twomey, the former Belfast brigade com-mander, and Mr Kevin Mallon, one of the Provisionals' most commanders valued

at the meeting last present Tuesday. They apparently said little and disappeared swiftly when the Irish police raided the

The churchmen, who said they did not know the identity of the IRA men, were optimistic yesterday. Their initiative was taken as a prelude to a joint peace campaign supported by the main Protestant and Roman Carholic churches, which began yesterday. It was clear that they

The meeting was held at the church leaders' request. They sought only to speak to provisional Sinn Fein representatives, and the sudden appearance of the IRA leaders took them by

Even more disturbing as they sat at Smyth's Hotel, in the village of Feakle, co Clare, must have been the sudden arrival of up to a hundred Irish police-

Mr Seamus Loughran, a Sinn Fein member from Belfast and former internee, said they burst unannounced into the building to find Mr Rory O'Brady (Ruari O'Bradaigh), the president of Sinn Fein, sitting beside a fire reading an IRA newspaper. Mr Loughran himself was asleep in a chair. The churchmen were discussing their meeting else-

number of loyalist politicians.

The Rev Ian Paisley's Democratic Nnionists said Dr Butler had added credibility to the Provisionals. The Vanguard Party said he would have spent his time better in persuading the British Government to smash the IRA.

The meeting was held at the Church in Ireland; if Ralph Banter, secretary Irish Council of Church Rev Willam Arlow, secretary of the Irish of Churches; Dr Harry; secretary of the British of Churches; the Righ Arthur McArthur, Modes the United Reformed Churches the United Reformed Ch England; and Mr Worral, chairman of th Ulster Movement. The Rev William Beat

Paisley's deputy and a p of the Free Church, said of fast that "their folly we be understood by all, f have hindered the battle the men of violence".

Mr Ernest Baird, th guard deputy leader, de of betraya! since th of Terence O'Neill". The Roman Catholic

was not involved in the It appears that Cardinal was not told in advance.

Bomb thrown at military club held 'shrapnel'

Bomb squad officers confirmed yesterday that the bomb thrown into the Naval and Military Club on Wednesday night contained shrapnel-like elements which made the escape of the seven people in the bar at the time "quite remarkable".

They believe the explosion was the signal for a gamman, probably armed with an automatic weapon, to fire at the Cavairy Club, 80 yards away, from Green Park. Commander Robert Huntley, head of the squad, warned the public not to sion because of the dangers of a possible second bomb and

back-up " gunmen. The two bombers were described as 5ft 7in to 5ft 8in in height and in their mid-twenties. Police officers investigating the explosion in Bath on Monday are seeking a man and woman seen in a white Cortina The man, aged about 20, and 6ft tall, is clean-shaven, with side-boards and dark eyebrows meeting over his nose. He was wearing dark blue flared corduroy trousers and a brown and white tartan jacket. The woman, aged about 24, had long sandy-coloured hair.

The police last night were satisfied that an explosion near a pillar box in St Marylebone, London, in which a policeman was slightly injured, was caused by a fault in an electrical junction box.

Pit ballot not rigged, but report urges reform

By Our Labour Editor

An internal investigation into alleged irregularities in the recent miners' ballot over a productivity scheme has concluded that there was no ballotrigging but that there are grounds for rightening the

The report of the inquiry committee set up to examine the disqualification of 11,400 votes was accepted by the miners' national executive yes-terday. It will now be sent to the Electoral Reform Society,

its verdict.

The union hopes that the disqualified votes, from 19 South Wales pits and three branches of the Scottish craftsmen's area, will now be counted in the final calculation of the ballot, which went heavily against acceptance

of the National Coal productivity scheme. The Committee's ch

ing is that South Wal leaders of the NUM use rect membership lists as for distributing ballot p To prevent a recurre NUM's organization co has recommended a fo

reform programme.
with tighter procedure ing ballor papers, incl numbering system: an up-to-date membership 1 at every branch. The investigators at

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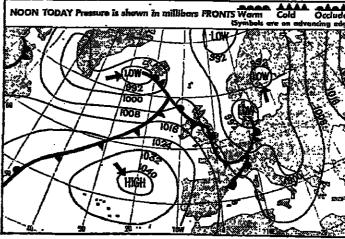
Correction

Mr Jack Ashley, Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent, South, has not suggested, as was stated yesterday suggested, as was stated yesterday in an agency report, that The Sunday Times should be allowed to publish an article on the thalidomide controversy even though to do so might be breaking the law. What Mr Ashley did suggest, in a letter to Mr Samuel Silkin, the Attorney General, was that if The Sunday Times applied for removal of an injunction preventing them from publishing the article, Mr Silkin should take no steps to oppose it.

Construction worl urged to accept 25°

The executive of the of Construction and Trades and Technicians represents a quarter construction industry's strong labour force, deciterday to recommend ance of a £475m two-si offer which will raise e by about a quarter. The concession from employs proposed cost-of-living the

Weather forecast and recordings



Channel Islands, SW E

SW, moderate or fresh; m: 5°C (41°F). Outlook for tomorrow at day: Dull, rain or drizzle becoming brighter and sh mild in S, rather cold in N.

Today

Sun rises 7.58 am New moon : 4.25 pm

Moon sets : Moon rises :

Lighting up : 4.22 pm to 7.29 am Lighting up: 4.22 pm to 7.25 am

High water: London Bridge 1.12
am, 6.8m (22.4ft); 1.33 pm, 6.8m
(22.4ft). Avenmouth 6.44 am,
12.7m (41.7ft); 7.5 pm, 12.7m
(41.7ft). Dover 10.37 am, 6.3m
(20.8ft); 10.59 pm, 6.5m (21.2ft).
Hull 5.35 am, 6.9m (22.7ft); 5.52
pm, 7.1m (23.2ft), Liverpool 10.45
am, 8.5m (28.0ft); 11.8 pm, 8.3m
(27.2ft).

Pressure will remain high to the SW and low to the N of the British Isles. A trough of low pressure

W, reaching E coastal districts by midnight.

London, SE England: Bright and cold at first, cloudy later, with rain preceded by sleet; wind W to NW, moderate; max temp 9°C (48°E).

(48°F).
East Anglia, E and NE England, Borders, Edinburgh and E Scotland: Bright at first with scattered wintry showers, cloudy with snow or elect later turning to rain; wind NW, fresh, backing W, moderate; max temp 8°C (46°F).
Midlands, central S, central N and NW England, N Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW and NW Scotland, Glasgow, central Highlands, Argylt: Cloudy but mainly dry at first, rain preceded by snow or sleet spreading from W during

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY : c, cloud ; d, drizzle ;

the day; wind mainly W, n or fresh; max temp 9°C Suo sets: midnight.
3.52 pm Porecasts for 6 am to midnight: Chaimel Islands, SW I S Wales: Cloudy with drizzle; wind W, moder fresh; max temp 10°C (5 Aberdeen, Moray Firth, ness, Orkney, Shetland, N Ireland: Bright periods and showers at first, cloudy lat snow or sleet; wind NW I SW moderate or fresh; m:

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 as pm, 10°C (50°F); min, 6 6 am, 2°C (36°F). Humidity 79 per cent. Rain, 24 hours to ml. Bar, mean sea level, 1004.1 millibars, tising.



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eport on method of ecting Tory chief pes to Mr Heath

Heath has received the t from the committee he p under the chairmanship ir Alec Douglas-Home to der the processes under the Conservative Party , its leader. Copies of the t will be sent to the connt parts of the party next and it is likely that it will oblished early in the week, hough it is maintained that Jumate decision will rest the leader personally, and true that the existing n was established by Sir personally, though on the of advice, when he was the parliamentary party ting it for granted that will be an election in the

mouths of the new year. Heath's present intention Heath's present meanon indoubtedly that he will that would be quite control the expected recomt with the expected recom-ation that there should be lic elections, or reelections

e leadership. that is not the only matter immittee has had to con-The first and most impors the composition of the ral college. At present that fined to members of the mentary party but there sen pressure to extend it nservative peers and to s of the party in the counfur a number of peers size the difficulties area chairmen might, as widely suggested, be ed. Eur it is questioned mind.

whether it would be an effective way of consulting the party in the country to give a few area chairmen a single vote each in the same way as any Conservative MP.

Even if all the area chairmen voted together they could com-mand no more than a very small block of votes in such an elec-tion. It might be better it is argued, simply to allow the party in the country to exercise its influence with MPs, and it would be no surprise if the present electoral college is left undisturbed. voted together they could com-

Another question is whether it should still be possible for a new candidate to emerge in the second ballor if he had not stood in the first. That is permitted now and could be of more than academic importance for Mr Whitelaws chances.

Ile has consistently main-tained that he would not stand against Mr Heath. But if Mr Heath were to do badly in a first ballot it is always possible that he might then leave the field clear to Mr Whitelaw in the second.

Among Mr Heath's challengers, support has been gathering for Mr Edward du Cann, the chairman of the 1922 Committee. Mr du Cann has also insisted publicly and privately that he will not be a candidate. condidate. But a number of Conservative MPs, particularly among the younger members, are hoping he will change his

Motorway contract allegations denied

By a Staff Reporter

Allegations by a former motorway engineer that up to film of public money was overpaid on a Gloucestershire motorway contract were denied last night by the supervising engineers and the contractors.

An independent new survey of the quantities measured as

the work went on has been com-missioned by the Department of the Environment.

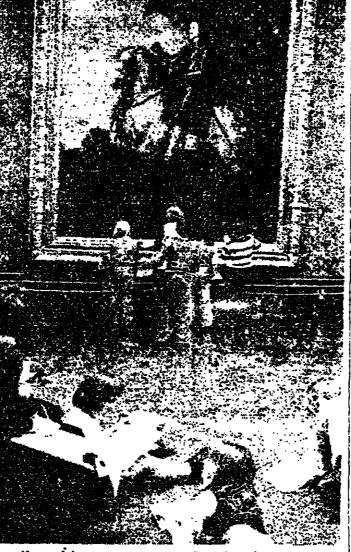
Mrs Sally Oppenheim, Con-servative MP for Gloucester, said last night that she was not satisfied with the progress of an inquiry into the delay in investigating complaints by the engineer, Mr Neil James.
Mr lames said yesterday that the 5450,000 referred to in his original allegations covered only

a section of the works: much as a L1m could be in-volved."

The motorway contract concerued was based on a tender of £11m. Supervised by Freeman, Fox and Partners, consulting engineers it was carried out by a consortium including

Cementation Construction Ltd and Leonard Fairclough Ltd.

Sir Ralph Freeman, senior partner of Freeman, Fox, said last night: "The allegations referred to can be taken to impugn our professional integrity. Mr Victor Matthews, manag-ing director of Trafalgar Hopse Investments, which owns Cementation, said he did not think any excessive profit had been made on the contract.



Pupils taking part yesterday in the National Gallery's first holiday "event" for children. | dred patients.

Charolais bulls with eye defect not to get breeding licence

By a Staff Reporter
The British Veterinary
Association has decided not to
license Charolais bulls for

breeding if they are suffering from an hereditary and congenital eye deteat called aloboma. The decision will cause controversy because of the large ums of money involved. Since the big white cattel were first imported from France a decude ago, they have been one of the most successful breeds for beef

hampionships at Smithfield, including the supreme champion, Charolais or Charoluis crosses. A survey by Dr Keith Barnet

and for cross-breeding. No fewer

than 12 of the 16 cattle that won

Coloboma is a congenital fissure in the eye, which may extend to the head of the optic nerve, seriously affecting the animal's vision and sometimes causing total bludness. French veterinarians do not

pay much attention to the con-dition, on the ground that it does not affect an animal's conformation or breeding capacity. The British take the view that bad eyesight makes a bull danhandle, and must be bad for its temperoment. Under the Bull Licensing

of Cambridge University, one of Scheme introduced by the Act it is prudent to set about stamp-the world's great experts in of 1931, no animal with an ing out the defect now.

diseases of animals' eyes, has hereditary defect can be used shown that the Charolais herd for breeding. A veterinary in Britain is saturated with surgeon signs a declaration that coloboma; 30 per cent of the in his professional opinion the cattle he examined were bull to be licensed is not of affected.

defective or inferior conformation, that it is not likely to beget defective or inferior progeny, and that it is not suffering from any hereditary defect or disease. Until 1972 the licensing in-spection was done by livestock

officers of the Ministry of Agriculture. In that year veterinarians started to do it, and for the first time bull's eyes were minutely inspected. Coloboma, except in its most aggravated state, is not detect able except by ophthalmoscope. The British Veterinary Association have decided that

Many big mental hospitals at fault

By John Roper

Medical Reporter

More than a third of Britain's larger mental hospitals were below minimum staff standards in 1972, the year hospital authoities were asked to improve the situation by the end of this year, a government report says

That was in spite of an increase over the pervious de-cade of about 60 per cent in psychiatric consultants for every 100,000 population, and a doubling of medical, ward and domestic staff for every hun-

The Department of Health said last night that 1973 returns showed that fewer hospitals now were below the minimum staff standard set in 1972.

The mentally handicapped, were below minimum staff standard and 30 below standard staff and patients' amenities.

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The report, a statistical survey of mental hospitals and hospitals for the mentally handicapped in 1972, shows the pressure under which they operate. In 115 mental hospitals for every 1,000 of the population had fallen by a quarter since 1964 but the admission rate had increased by almost an eighth. The rate since 1966 for day patients half doubled. dards of staffing and 26 below on staffing and patients' omenities. In 30 hospitals half menities. In 30 hospitals half
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Mental Illness and Mental Handsersonal locker.
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all for delay on Bill fecting editors

wards newspaper editors the difficulties they i a closed shop posed for edom of the press, Mr opposition spokesman on nent, said yesterday.

ppealed to the Govern-1 the Commons standing ee on the Trade Union "bour Relations (Amendill to delay proceedings Bill until after the as recess to enable furdiscussions between ed parties of the sug-put forward by the

secretary of the Union of Journalists enneth Morgan), in a Mr Poot, Secretary of ir Employment, and the f Newspaper Editors.

elp in solving the serious arising between editors ther members of the listic profession on the id, the NUI on the other, Government, perhaps,

onsidered in an importicle by the editor of luardian. Mr Alastair ngton, in which he gave l welcome to the idea, ward by the NUJ, of a clause for closed shop ents. He went on to say would be necessary to he Institute of Journao the consultations and ame time write into the

to delay proceedings of to be based largely on inception that the NUI oposing that a model should be drafted which wernment could write

NUI proposal was that hould begin with inter-bodies, including the per Publishers Associa-i the Guild of Newspaper , to draw up a model which could be incorin any agreement between the NUJ and

Parliamentary Staff
Government would have c a more conciliatory wards newspaper editors

It would be singularly inappropriate to delay the committee. The Government had already had long and detailed discussions on that. There was nothing in the Bill that would inhibit disussions between the interested parties. Delaying the Bill might have an inhibiting

effect on the discussions. The committee went on to discuss an amendment that would have effect of retaining the safeguards introduced in the Trade Union and Relations Bill in the last Parliament regarding the rights of workers in relation to arbitrary or unreasonable exclusion or expulsion from trade unions. The Government proposes to repeal those pro-visions in the amending Bill.

Mr Hayhoe, an Opposition spokesman on employment, said it was essential there should be some legislative safeguard in addition to the proposed action e suggestions, he said, of the TUC to set up an independent review body to deal with complaints over expulsion or exclusion.

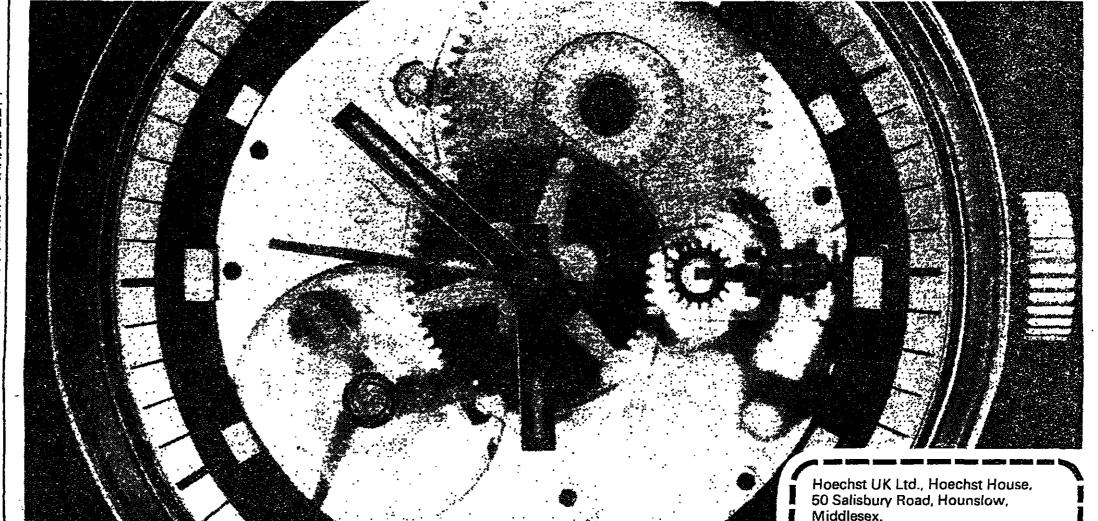
Strong support for the TUC proposal came from Mr Sillars, Labour MP for Ayrshire, South. nird. In the trade union movement proposals had since some things that happened were scandalous and could not be defended by anyone, he said. His experience was that when that happened people of the senior ity likely to be appointed to the review committee could talk toughly in the way those who had been involved in malpractices understood.

Mr Goodhart, Conservative

MP for Bromley, Beckenham, said that if the right of editors to recruit staff directly to Fleet ne of the requirements to recruit staff directly as and some of the ions the NUJ had put go through a lengthy apprentice, ship procedure was abolished to recruit staff directly as a solished to recruit staf south, Minister of State sloyment, said Mr Prior's to delay proceedings of to be based largely on meeption that the NUI specifies that the NUI specifies that the south that south the south that the south tha likely to deal with points of that sort. The health of Fleet Street demanded that editors should be able to do that, but if there was to be a closed shop, even with the proposed review committee, he doubted whether it would be possible.

Mr Booth, replying to the debate, said they were not considering taking away rights

sidering taking away rights from individuals but the most effective way of securing them. Discussion of the amendment was adjourned until Tuesday



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rocodile tears' attack on tors by Mr Scanlon

Labour Staff

Hugh Scanlon today the "crocodile tears" y editors for so-called il freedom. They count the with those at the ig end of some of the infolic comments from controlling most of the national and provincial pers", he says.

ing in the journal of the Workers, of which he is unt. Mr Scanlon adds: rial freedom presumably the right to distort, or goore, vital aspects of vhen such items conflict te preconceived ideas of rring to the recent dis-

between the National of Journalists and pronewspapers and to the' ny members of Apex, the I union, at his own union tarters in Peckhant, south a, he adds: "They (newsproprietors) condemn as reprehensible trade-sanctions exercised by the

against themselves but, lably, such sanctions are ered fully justified when ed by one trade union another, as instanced in wn recent dispute with

also scems that editorial m means glaring head lescribing Peckham Road headquarters) as a and emotive state. attributed to young girls,

many of whom have never before been involved in a

Drawing an analogy between press coverage of the Apex dis-pute and a future dispute be-tween engineering workers and the Engineering Employers' Federation, Mr Scanlon says that claims for £13 a week increases, like those Apex mem-bers demanded, will presumably be supported by the press, and the engineering employers will be described as "arrogant and selfish" when they refuse. Union membership: Mr Foot Secretary of State for Employment, refused to change his line on the question of editors being able to opt out of union membership once his closed-shop Bill becomes law (the Press Association reports). Replying to a letter from Mr Cyril Smith Liberal spokesman on employ-ment, who said the National Union of Journalists was prepared to accept exemption for editors and asked why the Government could not do the same, Mr Foot said his under standing was that the NUJ felt it could live with a situation in which editors were not compelled to be members but that was

not a course they favoured.

"Indeed, they are opposed to it, because they consider it wrong to legislate for particular occupations", Mr Foot added.

"They feel strongly that the gight approach is to come to be ignerated. right approach is to come to an agreement on the safeguards which might be incorporated in closed-shop agreements."

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Engineers to demand settlement of big increase without delay

By R. W. Shakespeare Northern Industrial

workers' unions agreed yester-day on the details of what is likely to be the most expensive pay claim ever to face the industry, on behalf of about 2,500,000 workers. They also warned employers that attempts to delay a settlement would be met by industrial action.

The national executive of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions will table the claim with the Engineering Employers' Federation and the shipbuilding employers within a week or two, and press for negotiations to be according to the state of the new terms. opened at the start of the new year. The unions want a settlement by the time the present uational agreement expires at the end of March.

The confederation, the central

union negotiating body for the industry, will demand a substan-tial increase in basic rates right across the industry. So far no figure has been given, but it is already clear that the minimum acceptable is likely to include a new basic rate of £40 a week. When the present agreement runs out, the rate for skilled men will be £32 for a 40-hour week.

week.

However, even £40 is regarded by some union leaders as far too low compared with other sectors. They would regard £50 a week as a more realistic target. The confederation is dropping its long-standing demand for a reduction in the working week from 40 to 35 hours, although that remains a longeralthough that remains a longer-

armough that remains a longer-term objective.

The unions will, however, press for an increase in statu-tory holidays from seven to 12 The unions will, however, press for an increase in statutory holidays from seven to 12 days a year in addition to the present standard three weeks. They will also demand immediate equal pay for women workers.

Mr Jack Service, general been in the policy for some time. The executive expressed growing concern about the motor industry and its influence on large sectors of engineering. Within the next two weeks, the union leaders will be meeting Mr. Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, to discuss moves to take a stake in British Leyland. days a year in addition to the present standard three weeks. They will also demand immedi-

secretary of the confederation, said in York: "We have agreed to mount an immediate publicity campaign among all umon mem-berships on the question of pos-sible mistant action in support stole missian action in support of this cleim, in the event of unnecessary delays by the exprisenced delaying tactics and settlements had been deferred for up to mine months.

Mr Hugh Scanlon, president of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, who is chalcman of the confederation's engineering committee. He is known to favour punting a firm figure on the wages demand at the outset, rather than adopting the more flexible. ** substantiat

However, the interpretation to be put on "substantial" by both

be put on "substantial" by both sides will quickly emerge once negotiations begin. Actual skilled earnings vary considerably from firm to firm, ranging between £35 a week to about £65. The real significance of a nationally agreed minimum rate is its bearing on such things as overtime, holiday rates, and incentive and bosus payment schemes geared to hourly rates. Any sizable increase in basic rates would have a marked effect on wage costs throughout the industry.

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The claim is being tabled at a time when the industry faces a very uncertain future. Many firms are already experiencing serious financial problems.

The confederation executive has clearly taken some note of the confederation and the new claim online. that, and the new claim omits some of the planks that have been in the policy for some time.

The new Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Coggan (centre) with his sponsors, the Bishops of London (left) and Southwark, before his maiden speech in the Lords yesterday. Parliamentary report, page

claim sets £30 as basic

Union leaders today will demand a £30 a week minimum wage for 220,000 hospital manual workers. An initial pay offer which fell short by 52p

has been rejected.

Negotiators will meet at the Department of Health and Social Security and are reasonably confident that four of the five points in their claim will be met. They expect to be offered consolidation of the £4.40 a week threshold payments into basic rates, a job evalution exercise, an increase in shift allowance, and equal pay for women from February

Hospital pay British Airways cuts **Spanish fares 40%**

By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent Reductions in some fares to

Reductions in some tares to Europe, and a big expansion of cargo services across the North-Atlantic were announced by British Airways yesterday.

The lower fares, to eight destinations in Spain and Portugal, are aimed at increasing the flow of tourists. They have been agreed in cooperation with the state airlines of the two European countries. Theris and TAP. pean countries, Iberia and TAP, and with reductions of 40p in the pound will make some fares cheaper than they were before the fuel orisis began at the

end of 1973.

An example of the new fares quoted yesterday by BA was 563.80 return between London and Malaga compared with 590.30 today. Other routes on which they will apply are those to Alicante, Almeria, Palma, Valencia, Faro, Lisbon and Oporto.

Oporto.

To qualify for the new fares, passengers will have to stay at their destination for not less than 10 days and not longer than

one month during the summer. April to the end of October, and for not more than two months in the winter.

boon for tourists who rent or own flats and villas, or who visit friends and relatives in Spain, Portugal or the United King-

Atlantic cargo services in a new agreement with American Air-lines which will make 20 additional cities available for British exporters, while providing increased capacity and frequency

creased capacity and frequency to Chicago, Los Angeles, and San Francisco.

The deal will-effectively treble the capacity offered by BA.

Freight, will go by BA jumbo jets and Boeing 707s to gateway ottles such as New York, Washington, Chicago, Miemi, Boston and Detroit, where it will be transferred to American Airlines freighters for onward shiomeont.

Mr William Robbins, general manager (commercial) of the BA European division, said: "We think the faces will be a

BA is to expand its North

aged 28, in May.

Mr Barry Hudson, QC, for the defence, fold Mr Justice Thesiger that the killing was admitted. "The only issue will be manifacilities on the grounds of provocation", he said.

Mr Brian Leary, for the prosecution, said Mr Fairbairn appeared to have stabled his wife, kendered her nuconscious by strangulation, and then concealed her body in a macabre way while he fied to Spain. There was no way of determining now whether she was alive when put in the deep freezer.

Mrs Fairbairus parents Mrs Fairbairu's parents forced their way into the apparently empty house, Mr. Leary said, and the father decided to switch off the deep freezer if there was nothing much in it. He moved some articles and saw

Mr Leary said there were four children, boys aged 10, and 11 and girls aged nine and eight.

Mr Fairbairn, he said, was seen by the police in Bilbao, Spain, and said he had killed the wife one midday while the

Couple saw

daughter

freezer

dead in deep

A couple searching for their missing danghter found her body in the deep freeze at her home, a judge will into later told the police that he had killed her in a fit of jealousy after an argument over other men in her life, it was sald

Brian Ernest Fairbairn, aged 36, former builder, of Sparrow Farm Drive, Feltham, Middle sex pleaded nor guity at the Central Criminal Court to murdering his wife, Denise Anne, aged 28, in May.

Mr Leary said Mr Fairbairn told the British vice-consul that afterwards he collected his pass-port and hitch-hiked through France to Spain, where he spent his time in bars. --

the body of his daughter, deep-

He said before a Spanish judge-magistrate: "I don't know why I did it I rhought a lot of her, but it was jealousy. She came in on May 9 about I pm and I made caffee. Another row started abour other men. I don't know who they were. We were both shifting and the next thing she was dead. We already had an arrangement to pass from

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More children in care over bad housing

By Our Social Services. Correspondent

More children went into care last year, a White Paper disclosed yesterday. Homelessness and ad housing responsible for 7,182 cases, an increase of 672 over 1972, were the main

On March 31, 1973, there were 93,188 children in care in England and Wales, 2,602 more than in 1972.

The increase number going

into care because of bad hous ing continues a trend that has been noticeable in recent years. The numbers were offset by a became homeless through evic

with 1,155 in 1972. The average cost a child in care to local authorities rose to £17.27 a week, from £12.92 in 1972. The cost in a local authority home was £28.45, in a voluntary home £18.30 and in a foster-home £5.14. The respective 1972 figures were £23.93, £14.37 and £4.62. Children in Care in England and Wales 1973 (Cmnd 5815, Stationery Office, 24p).

Voting on death penalty

To supplement the division list on capital punishment which appeared in later editions of The Times yesterday, the House of Commons order paper yes

Against the amendment: Conservatives: L Stewart (Hitchin); Labour: D. Anderson (Swansea, East), G. Grant (Morpeth), D. Ginsburg (Dewsbury), R. Mitchell (Southampson Itchen), C. Phipps (Dudley, West), T. Walker (Kingswood), A. Williams (Swansea, West), R. Thomas (Bristol, North-West). Tellers: J. Golding (Newcastle-under-Lyme) and Mrs M. Miller (Redbridge, Hford, North). For the amendment: Conservatives: M. Allson (Barkston Ash); J. Riggs-Davison (Epping Forest), J. Riggs-Davison (Epping Forest), J. Gow (Eastbourne), B. Pink (Portsmouth, South). Tellers: R. Eyre (Birmingham, Hall Green)

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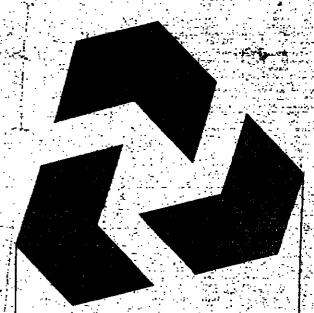
Ivor Gershfield, aged 46, ar economist, of Chase Side, South-gate; Isidor Heller, aged 47, a company director, of Hendon Avenue, Golders Green, and Asmiel Heller, aged 45, a re tired businessman, of The Ridge way, Golders Green, were charged at Guildhall yesterday with conspiring together be tween January, 1969, and May 1971, to cheat and defraud eight banks in Israel by taking steps to render worthless letter guarantee given by Heller and Partners.

They were remanded on bail totally £75,000 until June 30, 1975, because of difficulties in securing witnesses from Israel.

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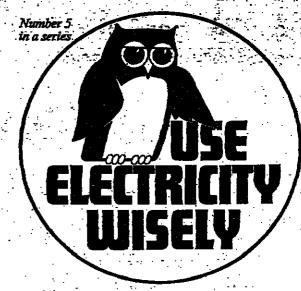
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The new Volvo 245.

by Tim Devlin Education Correspondent

There is no advantage to be gained from teaching French in in 1963, the team under Dr primary schools, an important Clare Burstall, deputy director report on an 11-year-old nationwide experiment, published to-

The study by the National Foundation for Educational Research says that pupils taught French from the age of eight do not show any substantial gains compared with those taught French from the age of 11.

By the time the children taught early are ready to go to secondary school half have had enough of French, get a sense of failure, and arrive at their new school with a positive sense of hostility towards learning

French, the report says.
It says there is no evidence that younger children are better han older children at learning foreign language skills. If anything, the reverse seemed to be true. "The sheer amount of time spent learning a foreign language appears to be the dominant factor affecting suc-cess, not the age at which the period of learning began."

experiment, which was started by the Ministry of Education of the foundation, concludes:
"The weight of the evidence has combined with the balance of opinion to tip the scales against the possible expansion of the teaching of French in

primary schools." One hundred and twenty-five schools took part in the pilot scheme with French, and teachers were given in-service training courses. The study exthe 18,000 pupils who

It also found that the farther from Calais the children were. the more their interest in the language waned. Girls were bet-ter at French than boys, but both boys and girls in single-sex schools did better than chil-dren in mixed schools. It is estimated that more than 4.500 of the 22,700 primary schools in England and Wales teach French.

Primary French in the Balance: NFER, The Mere, Upton Park, Slough, Berkshire. Price £3.75.

Schools running out of supplies, union says

exercise books, rulers, and other essential equipment by next April because they cannot afford the "soaring costs" of paper and wood, the National Union of Teachers says today.

A union survey of manufac-turers and suppliers of school equipment has found that bills for school equipment have risen in the past year by two fifths. Since 1972 the price of exer-cise books and the average

price of paper-based goods have some up by 80 per cent, pens by 73 per cent, rulers by 78 per cent and deal wood, commonly used in school equip-ment, by as much as 108 per

That means that local authorities are paying half as much again for school desks, chairs, bookcases and nearly 30 per cent more for blackboards. hookcases and nearly 30 per 76 Estimates, the education of many children will be handi-Metalwork benches cost 84 capped by the lack of basic per cent more than two years essentials."

y Our Education ago. The cost of musical in-orrespondent struments has rocketed in some Many schools will run out of cases by 130 per cent. Gym-wercise books, rulers, and nastic equipment has risen by

anything up to 80 per cent. Mr Fred Jarvis, the union's general secretary, says in a statement published today that all those rises have taken place at a time when local authority spending on equipment has risen by about 29 per cent in primary and by 15.5 per cent in

secondary schools.

He said: "We quoted some of the costs revealed by the survey to Mr Prentice, Secretary of State for Education and Science, last week, and I think

he was shaken by the fantastic extent of price rises.
"Most schools are fighting an impossible battle to maintain necessary levels of equipment and, unless much greater pro-vision can be made in the 1975-

Casino owner accused

John Tsigarides, aged 44, a after abandoning an appeal at | casino owner, is to appear be-fore Torbay magistrates today, accused of conspiracy to defeat licensing justices to renew a ne course of justice.

He was detained by the police Club, at Torquay.

Lord Justice Scarman says law is failing us

By Marcel Berlins Legal Correspondent

The legal system had failed to meet the Challenge of today's society, Lord Justice Scarman said last night, summing up the main theme of his four Hamlyn lectures. That was so both in connexion with the country's international obligations and on the internal scene.

"A law of torts, a land law, and a family law conceived on common law principles, how-ever admirable in substance, cannot effectively protect the general public or the weak, the poor, the aged and the sick," he said. The common law sys-tem was "being remaindered to corners of the house which are unvisited by most members

of society".

The result might be that rights and liberties would come to depend, and obligations would be declared and defined, would be declared and defined, by complex government machinery, subject not to the rule of law administered by the ordinary courts but to administrative and political controls beyond the grasp of the law. Justice was at risk.

In the fields of human rights, the policy constitution of a

the social security system of a welfare state, the protection of the environment, industrial relations and constitutional devolution, the law and the legal profession had been found wanting, Lord Justice Scarman

His proposals to cure these inadequacies were:

1. A new constitutional settlement 1. A new constitutional settlement replacing that of 1689 to be worked out by Parliament, the judges, the Law Commission, and the Government through a phased programme of study, research and extensive consultation;

2. The basis of the new settlement cheered the entreprined provisions

should be entrenched provisions (including a Bill of Rights), and restraints upon administrative and legislative power, protecting it from attack by a bare majority in

Parliament;
3. Supreme Court of the United Kingdom charged with the duty of protecting the constitution; if regional devolution comes, the regional devolution comes. the problems of compeding legislatures could be handled by the court. which would be at the pinnacle of the ordinary courts of the land:

4. An immediate study should be begun of the problems of credification coupled with the associated problems of statutory drafting and interpretation in the new context of certrenched provisions and codiertrenched provisions and codi fied law :
5. Machinery should be established

for handling the continuing problems of the law's development and reform, with special reference to administrative law.

to administrative law.

Judges, practitioners and teachers of law had to look to the new sources and fields of law and abandon habits of thought and action derived from a society that no longer exists, Lord Justice Scarman concluded.

Inexperienced divers were being attracted to the oilfields of the may be added. "Many of them go direct from some tranquil gravel with training school direct to the raging waters of the North Sea", he added. "They are really sends divers and the pro-



kins in the Mermaid Theatre's musical production of Treasure Island, Some doctors in the which opens on Monday which opens on Monday.

Doctors blamed over birth-control failure

Social Services

Correspondent A number of family doctors refused to cooperate in a gov-ernment experiment designed to bring birth control services to women most in need of them, a report shows today. Yet the doctors were much more likely to be in contact with women in social classes four and five than the specialist family planning services set up for the experi-

The campaign, initiated by Sir Keith Joseph when Secretary of State for Social Services, was designed to saturate two towns with family planning services. The sum of £50,000 was spent on comprehensive services at Runcorn, Cheshire, and Coalville, Leicestershire. It succeeded in increasing the numbers of people using birth control services, but the people attracted to the services were mainly younger, childless and un-married women and a growing proportion of women from the skilled manual class. It encouraged very few women from social classes four and five to attend clinics or approach their doctors for help, although both towns had more

moving that way. We have turned down three jobs this year because we considered

The Department of Energy

said the new rules were com-prehensive and were "actively being considered" in areas that had been overlooked before,

"such as operations from barges".

Paying in lives: Britain is pay-

ing for the race to get North Sea oil with the lives, health

and safety of those who work

there, Dr Alexander Gunn, dir-ector of Reading University

health service, writes in Nursing

tion as an interloper and par because they wanted to be p for the service. Although 1 campaign was designed to p vide both towns with comp hensive free family plann advice and supplies, some d tors continued to charge

prescribing contraceptive pil Doctors who were enthusia: and cooperative had a mar! effect. One practice at Runce which already had a high le of family planning service people in social classes four five, performed nearly

vasectomies during the c paign. The most striking failure in the provision of domicil services, which were depend on the cooperation of doct Throughout the campaign, wl lasted from April, 1972. September, 1973, only six c were referred to the Coaldomiciliary service, and non

Runcorn. Mrs Isobel Allen, author the study, said yesterday the health visitors, who were attached to GP practices, s reluctant to refer when to own doctors were not en

Birth Control in Runcarn Codville: A Study of the Compaign by Isobel Allen. Broadsheet 349 (Research Put Some doctors in the two tion Services Ltd. Victoria towns were lukewarm partly be-Fingal Street, London, SE10)

Safety fears by divers in North Sea oilfields "They should have covered all forms of support vessel but from what I hear, things are

sea divers working in the British sector of the North Sea British sector of the North Sea oilfields are accident-prone men who are "just not up to standard". Mr Michael Crichton-Todd, general secretary of the newly formed Association of British Professional Divers, said yesterday.

He is organizing a one-day safety health and welfare diving conference at Aston University, Birmingham, next Wednesday. of its type in Britain. At it, divers will call for better safety

measures in the North Sea oilfields. They are chiefly worried by the growing number of inex-perienced divers in the oil fields and the scope of government safety regulations which become effective on January

Mr Crichton-Todd, aged 29, of Stoke-on-Trent, a former Royal Navy diver, now working in the Piper Field, a hundred miles east of Shetland, said inexperienced divers were being

raging waters of the North Sea", he added. "They are really scuba divers and the pro-

doos.
"I am not knocking the schools; there are six I know of in various parts of the country. But their courses are far too short, three or four weeks usually, and their divers are just not up to the job when they get out to the North Sea. "It is really pitiful. Some of

They are our there unable, many of them, to handle underwater equipment properly and are putting their lives at risk and also those of men who are professionals." The association wants to see

them are totally inadequate.

a system of national civing schools offering "something like" the 15-week diving course entrants undergo at the diving school in Rosyth. But the new offshore oil safety regulations are largely ineffective, Mr Crichton-Todd said. The rules, the Offshore (Div-

ing Operations) Regulations, lay down strict safety and medical standards for all divers working on the 60 rigs and platforms operated by 12 oil companies working the British sector. Divers earn between £5,000 and £7,000 a year and about half of them are former Peral Navy or them are former Royal Navy or Royal Marines divers.

The regulations covered men

working from fixed platforms in shelf but most deep diving work is being carried out from pipe-laying barges completely out-side that area, Mr Crichton-Todd

"Divers are at risk because much of the work they do is in international waters. They work from foreign vesseis, often flying flags of convenience, and if there is an accident there is often no redress", be continued. "In addition, many of them feel under pressure from the oil companies to go down when conditions are bad. The press-

ure can be intense when 20 to 30 men are all on a diving barge together in a rough North Sea. Some companies are good but the majority are ruthless." Mr Richard Farrington-Wharton, managing director of Comex Diving Ltd, of Great Yarmouth, the biggest diving contractor in the North Sea,

can understand how the divers feel about the situation in the But they should refuse to dive. Barge operations are ex-cluded from the regulations and 50 per cent of our operations are from barges. But we try to

On drilling rigs, workers become soaked in wet mud and become cold to the extent that their body temperature falls, producing hypothermia. This leads to a greater number of "There is a risk and I accidents than would otherwise To work as some of the men

Times this week.

on the rig do for two weeks, seven days a week for 12 hours a day and then have one week on shore as leave, is not conducive to healthy, rested manpower. Inevitably the pattern of progressive fatigue is reflected in the accident rate." by York District Council, to grants include £1,150 to literature festival and a council to calder Y reflected in the accident rate." observe the soirit as well as the

Conditions for divers such that 11 had died in the year.

Too many ministries: creation of a single auth to administer safety regula for divers in the North Sea be jeopardized by "em conscious" civil servants in Department of Energy, Mr Prescott, Labour MP for East, said in London yeste

They could try to delay efforts to get overall resibility centralized by a h and safety commission unthe aegis of the Departme Employment, Mr Pre

Mr Prescott, a former and seaman who en-Parliament in 1970, said such a commission could together the various safety inspection duties at pre-fragmented and served at three other ministries.

Yorkshire arts grants

Yorkshire Arts Associ has granted 53,000 to he running York Arts Centre, another £500 if that is ma

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Sixteen-year-olds are th

The Christmas turkey has many guises

Turkeys are available in more guises than usual this year. This reflects the desperate ingenuity of producers who still have un-comfortably large stocks of

frozen birds. The latest variation is a cylinder of turkey meat, about five inches wide and 18 inches long, tightly wrapped in pork fat. It can be roasted like a joint of beef or lamb and sliced; weighs Beef will be a better buy than turkey this Christmas, but for those who cannot let the season

pass without tasting the festive bird there are portions of tu-key fillet. They are about the size of a small escalope of veal and cost between 14p and 19p

One portion a person would make a useful evening successor to a vast joint of beef at lunch on Christmas Day. Those who insist on a whole turkey will find an uneven market. There are fewer fresh birds than usual, and the best hens will probably cost more than 50p a pound. Most stores have fixed their Chrisimas prices for frozen birds, but some persist in guardbirds, but some persist in guarding them like state secrets until a few days before Christmas. Cater Brothers: Frozen, 29p a pound for all weights; fresh, a few available, not yet priced. Co-operative societies: Frozen, 29p a pound for all weights. Dewhurst: Frozen, 32p-34p a pound up to 14fb, then 29p a pound; fresh, cocks, 35p to 38p. hens, 50p to 60p.

Food prices

Hugh Clayton

Fine Fare: Frozen, 30p, whatever weight available; price may change before Christmas.
David Greig: Frozen, 28p for all recipies.

weights.
International Stores: Frozen, 29p
for all weights.
Keymarkets: Frozen, 28p for all
weights; no fresh this year.
Liptons: Frozen, 27p from 61b181b; some shops may have restricted range of weights.
Littlewoods: Frozen, 28p to 32p
according to weight.

according to weight.

MacFisheries: Frozen, 31p up to 12lb, 25p up to 17lb; very few fresh available; at these prices a 13lb bird will cost only a little more than a 12-pounder. Marks & Spencer: Frozen, available in some stores at 39p; fresh, 41p from December 21.
Safeway: not available.

Sainsbury: Frozen, 29p for all weights; fresh 38p.
Tesco: Frozen, six-pounders at 31p or 32p a pound, then 29p a pound for 141b or more.
Waitrose: Frozen, 27p; self-basting 30n

waitrose: Frozen, 27p; seir-oasting, 30p.
Woolworth: Frozen, 28p a pound.
Chickens dear: The cheapest supermarket broiler chicken, according to the British Poultry Federation. costs 254p, while few cost less than 27p a pound, the rate for the cheapest frozen turkey.

Four out of five borstal trainees offend again victed again. The figur ides those returned to h

Home Antairs Four out of five 16-year-old males discharged from borstal in 1970 were convicted again within two years, most of them within nine months, according to latest Prison Department statistics published yesterday. Yet half of them were sent back to borstal when first re-

convicted. The figures illustrate the failure of borstal but the persistence, nevertheless, of belief

year-old males from dett centres was 65.3 per cent total of 1.088 followed u two years after discharge.

Report on the Work of the Department, 1973. Stat Tables (Cmnd 58.4, Stat Office, 63p). Among borstal youths of all ages, 65.2 per cent were con-

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Action needed on racial

issues, conciliators say

From Arthur Osman Birmingham

Generalized statements about equal opportunities for coloured minority groups of workers must ncreasingly be accompanied by action on specific issues, the East Midlands conciliation committee of the Race Relations Board said yesterday.

In its annual report, the com-mittee indicated that these issues were formulation of policies on equal opportunities, their communication to everyone concerned, and effective monitoring of the policies to ensure their implementation.

The committee's work during the year was dominated by the allegations of unlawful discrimination at the Imperial Typewriter factory at Leicester, where there was a 14-week strike earlier this year. Of the 1,650 manual workers, 1,100 are Asian. Yesterday's report continued:

"Although the evidence we obtained did not support he allegations made by the strikers, the dispute showed that even where the employer is well intentioned, if minority group workers are under represented at supervisory levels and in the trade union workplace organization,

they feel strongly that they lack equal opportunities. These feelings are increased where management and shop stewards have been reluctant to adopt formal equal-opportunity policies. What we have seen in the east Midlands is groups of minority group workers becoming increasingly alienated from the workplace, resulting in industrial relations difficulties."
Reporting on one of its 85

other investigations during the

year, the committee mentioned a West Indian who was refused service in a Nottingham public house, ostensibly on the ground that he was not wearing a rie. Evidence showed that some white people in the bar at the time were not wearing ties. The committee formed an opinion that there had been unlawful discrimination and it was hoped that the matter would be resolved in the near future. It added: "We hear a good deal about the divisions of race relations but here was a case in which a number of white customers in the public house were so disturbed at the treatment given to the West Indian that they advised him to complain to the board and gave evidence on his hehalf."

InterBritain Superflights.

MPs in Luxembourg assert their new powers to change EEC budget for the first time

sembourg, Dec 12

With only one hitch, which olved a clash between the ciulist group and the other ties, members of the Euro-in Parliament here today erted for the first time in Community's history their legislative power to change

For the Parliament to over-n decisions of the Council of n decisions of the Council of nisters on propositions put ward by the Parliament at November meeting, a vote at least 92 of the 198 mem-ship was required. The tish Conservative MPs who I travelled overnight to vote he Commons got back in the k of time and the first vote g of time and the lifst votes
s carried against the Council
Ministers by 110 votes to
with one MP abstaining.
is was Mr Jens Maiguard,
e representative of the
tish Socialist People's

test when M Georges Spen-leader of the Socialist group,

to the budget which would have agreement in Paris, allowed about £2,500,000 for Other amendm social projects in the Third World to be undertaken with the help of private development aid organizations.

Spenale's argument was that this sum should be kept in reserve because it might be needed for social purposes to the benefit of workers in the Community if the economic situation worsened.

For the Council of Ministers, I Christian Poncelet said that if the Parliament reserved the right to make a decision about the use of these reserves until a later date that was a political decision and the many deci decision and the council would respect it. The Socialists cheered this declaration and the amendment to insist on the grant was lost because only 66 MPs voted for it, the Socialists and Communists abstaining munists abstaining

Another amendment calling for a regional fund of at least \$150m to be in operation by January 1 was not pressed after M Poncelet had given an assur-ance that the Council of Minis-ters would table a supplemenounced that they would not ters would table a supplemen-with the rest of Parliament tary budget for this amount in

Other amendments carried by votes of 107 and 109. One of these provided, against the wishes of the Council of Ministers, £600,000 for salety precautions at an atomic re search station at Ispra, Italy, where there is a danger of people being harmed by rudiation if urgent work is not under-

At one point in the debate Mr Cornelis Berkhouwer, the President (or Speaker) of the House, had to appeal to MPs to remain in their places, otherwise the required quotum would not be obtained. The complete budget was eventually approved by a vote of 101, the Commun-

Tonight Herr Ludwig Feller-maier, vice-chairman of the Socialist group, issued a state-ment expressing the hope that when Ireland took over the presidency of the Council of Ministers from France next month, relations between the Council and Parliament would be improved.

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1ore 'free 'avel' road cences or Britain

m David Cross

ssels, Dec 12 ransport companies in Britand the other EEC member es will receive 20 per cent e Community road haulage nces next year under new ingements approved by aber governments in Brus-

t one of their regular meetthe numisters of transport the Nine agreed late last it to grant Britain an alloca-of 272 of these permits, th enable lorries to travel ly throughout the Communvithout complicated border ks. By contrast, West Ger-companies will be entitled 27 licences, the French to the Dutch to 382 and the

r F. Mulley, the British ister, originally had been ing a 5 per cent increase in country's share and a smalpercentage for the six ider member states. This because Britain wanted to ow the gap between the tas allocated to the three recent members and the After some reluctance by West Germans to approve increases whatsoever, Mr lley settled for a 20 per cent

he knotty problem of lorry ghts, which still divides the e, was raised briefly by the ians. Britain, Ireland and mark made it clear that v still were not ready to ee to a maximum axle weight .1 tons to replace their pres-limit of some 10 tons.

o the satisfaction of the ish, the ministers agreed to tinue to exempt the three comers from the Communsystem of maximum and imum tariff rates for the iage of goods by road been member states. The ish have not been applying system of "bracket tariffs" ause of the difficulty of ch include sea crossings.

European Parliament may have senate

From Our Political

Correspondent
Luxembourg. Dec 12
Proposals for extending the powers of the European Parliament, now to be considered as a matter of urgency after the agreement reached at the Paris agreement reached at the Faris summit, are likely to include the establishment of a second Chamber which will contain "senators" delegated by the

national Parliaments. This would remove the criticism that a directly elected Parliament would get out of touch with political opinion in the elected assemblies in the

member states.

Mr Peter Kirk, the leader of the Conservative delegation in Luxembourg, today welcomed the firm decision of the Council of Ministers to encourage Parliament to put up a plan for direct elections by 1976. But he was worried by the linking of this proposition with the idea of increasing the powers of the Parliament simultaneously.
This could lead to much argument about powers which, in turn, would hold up the direct

elections. Several members of the Conservative delegation, including Lord Bessborough, said they would support the idea of a second Chamber but the details would have to be discussed when the European Parliament debated the scheme drafted by Mr Schelto Patijn, the Dutch Socialist, in January.

Mr Patijn, as rapporteur for the political affairs committee, recommends a new elected Chamber of 550 members, made up of 24 from Belgium, 14 Denmark, 108 France, 128 Germany, 10 Ireland, 113 Italy, six Lux-

embourg, 31 The Netherlands and 116 United Kingdom. MPs from the Irish Republic today also expressed support for a second, nominated Chamber which would act as a revising body and which would more closely reflect the views of national parliaments.

But it is recognized that, if the bicameral system is adopted, it will not be easy to accom-modate the two legislative

Mr James Hill, a member of the British Conservative delega-tion, said today: "I think MPs here should accept more

A spokesman for the Socialist group said tonight that they would be opposed to a nomi-nated second Chamber. "We would not accept any system where appointed members or people who are born into a place of privilege would have legislative power.'

The Community should first get on with direct elections to Parliament. Later the Council of Ministers might evolve into a second Chamber, where all its deliberations and decisions would be open to the public

Extent of Basque strikes surprises Madrid

San Sebastián, Dec 12.-Factories, shops and schools re-opened today in the Basque region after a one-day general strike which brought much of the area to a standstill.

Sources said that the Government had been surprised by the extent of the disruptions. The strikes and demonstrations had been called by underground trade unions and the Basque separatist movement, ETA, in support of demands for an amnesty for political prisoners.

The police detained more than 50 people, many of whom were released after questioning

A student, aged 22, was shot and wounded when the police opened fire to disperse the demonstrators in the village of Hernani. He was recovering in the provincial hospital in San Sebastián today.

More than 140 political prisoners in 11 jails are on hunger strike demanding an amnesty.-Reuter.

'ortuguese Socialists meet legally at last

ome 900 delegates of the tuguese Socialist Party will meeting for the next three s in the first legal congress decades, to which 400 tuguese and foreign obser-have been invited. They ude members of the Socialist ernational, the British Labour ry, various members of opean socialist and demo-

tic parties and representa-is of African leftwing and ependent movements. ss tomorrow and on Saturday is sunday will be public.
norrow, after the formal
ning of the congress, delees will listen to a report by
secretary-general, Dr Mario
cres, the Minister of Foreign
airs, Discussion of the socia-

document setting out their con-ception of the party's basic principles. It emphasizes that affiliation to the Socialist International indicates the party's rejection of the "Leninist inheritance". The members believe that the helpings of trackly lieve that the balance of wealth should be in favour of the workers and governing power should be entirely responsible to the community.

Speaking at a press conference today. Dr Soares said there was a group within the party which considered that there was no reason for the existence of different currents and that unity should be strengthened. He added: "But we are open

to all socialist currents which believe in socialism, in freedom, in socialism with a human face ". Our Foreign Staff writes: The mood of liberalism which folprogramme will be initiated Saturday and speeches have in limited to five minutes. Including a group of leading Portugal had given way to wide-

spread disappointment and divisions, Senhor Antonio de Figueiredo, a writer on Portuguese affairs, said a tChatham House in London yesterday. Nations were singularly ungrateful and demanding, and large sectors of the urban population and the peasant class had either "retreated into alienation" or begun to voice opposition

The new regime had given the highest priority to the needs of the working class, and in addition to restoring rights of as-sociation and strike, it had in-stituted a minimum wage and better working conditions; but in other fields the search for democracy had had some disturbing side effects.

The most disturbing feature of present Portuguese politics was the "calculated ambiguity" in the present prover in which care

the race for power, in which certain elements within the armed forces movement and political parties were involved.

ifth jockey arrested in rench betting case

om Richard Wigg ris. Dec 12

Police squads today were king investigations in the derworld of Marseilles and ulon over a betting scandal olving the Tierce, the offarse betting system which is ance's favourite gambling Jaction.

Last night a Paris investigat-! magistrate ordered the ention of a fifth steeplease jockey. The five under Pierre Costes, Jeanul Cira Vegna, Christian Da eda, Jean-Pierre Renard and an-Pierre Philipperon, have been charged with attempted and, corruption, and violating ench horse racing laws as ckeys in a steeplechase run Auteuil on December 9 last ar. A well-known trainer reveal approaches made to is also arrested and lodged in jockeys before they raced.

Paris prison on similar

charges.
This followed a year-long police investigation after the Auteuil racecourse authorities noted how several favourites in

the race had run. The course authorities found that 500,000 francs (£47,000) had been placed on outsiders who filled the first three places. None of the favourites, among them horses ridden by the five jockeys now charged, performed as expected. The police in their investigations studied

films of the steeplechase.

The investigating magistrate is also questioning again a sixth jockey who was arrested and charged last September with threatening physical violence to a fellow jockey. It is now alleged that the man now alleged that the man menaced had threatened to

Opinion poll puts Denmark's Liberals in lead From Our Correspondent

Copenhagen, Dec 12

The Social Democratic Party, Denmark's biggest party for more than 40 years, has been forced back to second place, according to an opinion poll published here today. It said the Liberal Party, led by the Prime Minister, Mr Poul Hart-ling, was supported by 30 per cent of the voters. The Social Democrats were supported by

26 per cent. Denmark is to have a general election on January 9, and the poll is the first since Mr Harting dissolved the Folketing week. Apart from the surge of support for Mr Hart-ling's party, it shows that the balance between Socialist, and non-Socialist parties is un-changed at roughly 40 and 60



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times will make our competitors look like they're standing still. Get the details from your



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Nato talks dominated by economic problems

From Roger Berthoud Brussels, Dec 12

For nace, economic problems like inflation and unemployment rather than East-West relations or the state of the alliance, dominated today's six-monthly meet-ing of the Nato Ministerial Council.

The broad conclusions, according to officials, were much the same as those of this week's EEC summit meeting in Paris: that restrictive and protectionist measures must be avoided; that those countries in a position to do so should reflate: and that there should be the maxi-

mum of cooperation.
Inevitably, the differences between the French and the Americans over energy were thrashed over again. It was geacrally agreed that the conference between consumers and producers desired by President Giscard d'Estaing should he well prepared by consultations between the main consumers.

Dr Kissinger, the American Secretary of State, again emphasized the importance of consumer solidarity. But some observers had the impression that he might be prepared to envisage a conference with the producers within six months.



Dr Kissinger greets Signor Rumor, the Italian Foreign Minister, before the Nato meeting.

Dr Kissinger and M Sauvag-Minister, had breakfast together this morning in an attempt to prepare for this weekend's meeting in Martinique between President Ford and M. Giscard.

In his contribution to the economics debate, Mr Callaghan, the British Foreign Secretary. said we were coming to the end of an era. People had been ex-necting to get richer and to improve their situation. But the world was approaching a situa-tion at least as bad as in the 1930s. A way had to be found making it clear that wealth would not increase.

nargues, the French Foreign allies to avoid restrictionist conference on security and copolicies, and saw the need to obtain the assent of the people to take the necessary steps to save the situation as it appeared to be developing.

One of the chief anxieties of the alliance is that weapons are becoming more expensive and complicated at a time when less money is available

Dr Kissinger gave a report of

President Ford's meeting in Vladivostok with Mr Brezhnev, and the resulting strategic arms limitation agreement. There was a brief discussion on the East-West talks on food production

Mr Callaghan appealed to his in Vienna and on the Geneva operation in Europe.

It was agreed that the forces reduction talks had made little progress in the past 13 months. The fear is that the Western position will be undermined by unilateral cuts by allies because of economic pressures.

The Geneva conference was considered to have made some progress, but not enough. Theoretically, the question of whether it will end with the summit meeting desired by Mr Brezhnev, the Soviet Communist Party leader, remains to be decided on the basis of results.

Number of iobless up 60,000 in France

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Dec 12

France now has 689,200 officially registered unemployed. The November figure—60,000 up on October's total—was released by M Michel Durafour, the Minister of Labour, as the communist and socialist trade union confederations today called on French workers to "demon-

strate in the defence of jobs ". After the lukewarm response given to last month's general strike call, the unions urged their members only to file petitions and stage short "token" stoppages, where the shopfloor demanded it, with meetings organized after factory hours.

M Durafour, speaking last night in the Senate, said young people seeking jobs for the first time had been particularly affected. The Minister criticized some employers for being overcautious in recruiting.

While the unions kept up their pressure, M Ambroise Roux, vice-president of the Par-ronat, the French employers' federation, warned the Government that emergency measures to stimulate the economy were needed if unemployment is to be kept within reasonable limits. "We are now in a war economy", he said.

The unions have told the Minister there must be a reduction of working hours and earlier retirement to preserve employment levels and make jobs avail-able for the young.

Two jailed for club blast

Berlin, Dec 12-Willi Rather, aged 31, and Verena Becker, aged 22, were jailed for eight and six years by a West Berila court today.

They were round guilty of causing an explosion in the British yacht club and causing the death of a German ciub Moshe Brilliant writes from sives and employee on February 2, 1972. Tel Aviv: Israel police said material.

Israel aircraft attack Palestinian camp after cinema bombing

From Our Correspondent

Beiruz, Dec 12 Four Israel Phantoms this afternoon raided a Palestinian camp in a Beirut suburb. The raid followed a bomb artack last night by Palestinian guerrillas

in a Tel Aviv cinema.

The Palesnine news agency (Wafa) said the raid lasted 13 minutes and failed to record direct hits. One residential building was demolished and a number of civilians were ininred it said.

Other Palestinian sources said only two people were slightly in-Evewimess near the camp which houses jured. Shatila jured. Eyewitnesses near the Beira: airport, said there was confusion especially some

among children The air raid siren was sounded in Beirut about 4 pm and the all clear was given at 5.15 pm. During the raid. Beirut airport was closed to traffic and incoming aircraft were diverted to Damascus while one Turkish airliner was curned back to Tur-

A defence Ministry communi-que said four aircraft launched a raid on refugee camps for seven minutes and were inter-cepted by Lebanese fighters and ground fire. A large column of water was seen as a heavy object spiashed in the sea. The com-munique said it was believed to be one of the raiding aircraft.

The Wafa statement said the eiroraft were intercepted by both guerrilla and Lebanese Army lire. A report from the southern

Lebanese town of Sidon said an Israel aircraft bombed two fishing boats in the small port of Sararand this afternoon but missed them. The boars re-turned safely ashore.

Later Mr Rashid Soll, the Prime Minister, told Parliament that one woman had been killed and 10 people were in-jured. Lebanon will lodge a complaint with the United say whether a Security Council session would be sought. Moshe Brilliant writes from

today that a British passport in the possession of the Tel Aviv cinema bomber last night was definitely forged. The identity of the terrorist who was killed by one of his own grenades remains a mystery, but notes found in his possession indicated he belonged to the Popular Front

for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP). The PFLP, a Marxist-Leninist group led by Dr George Habash. is one of the components of the Palestine Liberation Organiz-

ation (PLO). Meanwhile, the Israel Air Force said today's air raid was on Palestinian installations used as training and operational bases

by the PFLP. One of the casualties of the cinema bombing was identified this afternoon as Robin Keith Burberry, aged 34, of Sussex, an engineer under contract with a local cannery. He was killed outright and his companion, Miss Sarah Shuckhman, aged 28, died later from injuries.

The bomber entered Israel early yesterday morning with a passport in the name of Alexander Adam Hooper, born in Accra, Ghana, in 1948 and now a resident of Turkey. He came from the Far East. His passport showed be had travelled to Spain and Japan.

Commander David Ofer, chief of police in the Tel Aviv dis-trict, this afternoon showed reporters à blood-soaked elastic girdle about a foot wide found on the dead man. He said the grenades must have been tucked into the belt against the man's body. The terrorist lobbed two grenades amonest the spectators in a cinema balcony and a third went off apparently because the pin was released

before he could throw it. Commander Ofer said he had appointed a commission to in-quire into possible security failures. Questions being asked include how the man was able to clear customs and security checks at Ben-Gurion airport with a suitcase with a false bot-tom containing plastic explo-sives and other bomb making

'No real progress' in talks on troop cuts

Vienna, Dec 12.-This year negotiations on East-West tre cuts in central Europe ended day with no agreement in six delegates said. However, North Atlantic Treaty Organ tion (Nato) and the commu Warsaw Pact countries s they would continue talks n

Mr Willem de Vos van Ste wijk of The Netherlands, Nato spokesman said: "We a not report real progress y And Mr Tadeusz Strulak Poland, for the Warsaw P said: "No real progress been made in the sense of

concrete agreement." The 19 nations taking agreed to recess their meet for a month and to recom in late January. "The exact will be fixed in direct negtions by the governm concerned . Mr Strulak sai

His Nato counterpart sta The activity by both s justifles the hope that we moving into a stage of incre movements in the negotiati.

The Western allies seel eliminate the communist's t erical superiority in tanks . moons in central Europe, v maintaining their own advar in tactical nuclear weapt They have proposed redu Nato and Warsaw Pact gre forces to 700,000 men e starting with the two si powers.

The communists aim at r taining their present advar in conventional forces, v reducing the West's nustrike force capability. Acing to the independent Into tional Institute of Stra Studies, the Warsaw Pact 935,000 men and 15,500 t and Nato 788,000 men 6.880 tanks in central Eu: Washington, Dec 12.-United States Army annou today that a brigade of men will be moved to West many, beginning next Marc make American forces ther strongest since 1967. brigade will increase ther

Hopes of energy agreement at Giscard-Ford summit

From Charles Hargrove

Paris, Dec 12 President Giscerd d'Estaing left today for Guadeloupe, on the way to his meeting with President Ford at the weekend Marriaque.
Commentators agree that the

meeting is crucial because the EEC Paris summit earlier this week showed once_again that relations between Europe and the United States underlay all the Nine's discussions and their enduring differences.

The Martinque meeting is being preceded by the French President's official visit to the French West Indies.

Asked at Orly airport whether

name of the EEC. M Giscard d'Estaing replied: "The only mandate I can mention is that coordinating economic policies.

"Bu: I did not try to obtain a mandate on energy, for some of our standpoints are different. All our partners, however, have entrusted to me their desire to search with President Ford for solutions that would make it possible to hold a very wellprepared world conference on

On Tuesday night, in his comments on the communique the Paris summit M Giscard d'Estaing said: "I have noted he had been given a mandate in the American proposals an

It is now clear that if the communiqué was so unproductive on the issue of energy, the reason was the desire of the Nine to avoid saying anything that would prevent the two Presidents from building on the common ground existing between France's insistence that oil consumers and pro ducers should cooperate and the American insistence on setting up a common front of oil consumers first.
The Elysée spokesman empha

sized that there was "no incompatibility" between the two standpoints. It was merely press conference in October.

to speak with Mr Ford in the advance towards the idea of a a case of "finding a time table meeting between oil producers acceptable to both parties".

and consumers." According to sources, the preparatory work between the two governments on the Martinique summit indicates that the problem is virtually solved. The compromise that is expected to be reached, barring a last minute hitch, would in-volve a preparatory conference of experts representing pro-ducers, consumers, and developing countries early next year; a conference of consumer countries to work out a common position: and the tri-partite conference suggested by M Giscard d'Estaing at his

Syrian Air Force now superior to Egypt as Russians shift military power balance

By Our Foreign Staff

The Syrian Air Force is now "bigger and better than the Egyptian Air Force", according to Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Israel Prime Minister.

Mr Rabin gave this assessment last night in an interview on the Thames Television programme People and Palitics. He said both Syria and Iraq had deliberately been built up as military powers, since the October War, by the Soviet Union, in order "to build a substitute to Egypt, if not in the overall political interpretation, at least from the military interpretation visa-vis Israel".

This meant that there was initiated without Egypt by Syria or by the combination of Syria and Iraq and the so-called

Mr Rabin said he still be- context even of a peace treaty to war."-UPI.

the context of negotiations between Israel and Jordan". Prospects for movement towards peace had been reduced by the Arab summit in Rabat, but still there is a possibility once the Arab world will realize that Israel will not negotiate with the PLO". In a year or two the Arab world would realize "that their decision will bring the opposite of what they want. That the West Bank and the Gaza Strip will become more Israeli than they would have come had they decided that

Jordan would continue to be the partner for negotiations."

Mr Rabin said he hoped a with Egypt was now possible, but it was out of the question that Israel should go back to her 1967 border with Egypt "in the

lieved the Palestinian issue which has not been tested "can and should be solved in certain period". Beirut, Dec 12-The Shi

a third of a division to four

Iran said in an interview lished today that another. Israel war would involve Muslim countries and not the Arab states. Discussing with the Sha prospects of another war

editor and publisher of Be

weekly Al Hanadess a: "Will the war include the Arab) Muslim countries al The Shah replied: tainly. It will be our was time. None of us has a ch Iran is a non-Arab, M

"Israel has only two als uves accept implementation of UN resolutions through Geneva conference or any way, or there is no alterr

Solzhenitsvn hopes of a return to Russia

Stockholm, Dec 12.-Alexander Solzheniusyn, the exiled Soviet writer and Nobel prizewinner, said today that he lives with the continuous feeling and hope "that I must return to Russia one day ".

Speaking at a news conference lasting four hours in Stockholm's Grand Hotel, he disclosed that since his banish ment from the Soviet Union in February, the Justice Ministry had hinted that he might be

allowed to return.

"If Solzbenitsyn asked return, they foresaw no difficalties", the author said, adding: "These kind of statements cause perplexity in the West. Every Soviet minister will fab-

ricate a lie.

"If they are serious about my return, let them publish my books and I will resurn."

Speaking on religion, Mr Solzbenitsyn said: For the East, but also for the West, moral and religious awakening Soon after Mr Solzhenizsyn began his news conference, a rolled-up film screen in the hotel's mirror hall suddenly un-furled from the ceiling and its thick wooden base almost hit the author on the head

Referring again to the ques tion of moral revolution, he said: "As for my own country, let's not live with lies. If this method catches on, we will gradually change the situation." The use of physical revolution should stop throughout the world, since this method had never solved problems.—UPI.

Angry farmers drive their cattle to Washington

From Fred Emery Washington, Dec 12

Protesting South Dakota farmers today brought 47 head of beef cartle into the heart of Washington penning them outside the Agriculture Department. They challenged Mr Earl Butz, the Secretary of Agriculture, to try to make a profit by fattening them for market at current feed grain prices.

Mr Butz declined the offer, invoking a law probibiting gifts. He did receive a deputation. however and announced that everybody was suffering from the "monster" of inflation.

American jets must have

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, Dec 12

A device called a "ground proximity warning system" will be obligatory equipment in American jet airliners next year, the Federal Aviation Admin-

istration has encounced. The device can be installed much sooner than originally estimated, according to Mr Alexander Butterfield, the FAA administrator. Congress had in-sisted on the device after the

crash. The new system will give visual and sound warnings to pilots to climb as soon as they fly below the safe operating meat marketing. They were joined by

The farmers expressed

satisfaction that they mac

progress with their deman a Covernment investigation

anti-competitive practices

sumer organization repres tives who wanted to know both the customers and the ducers were losing. A sig one of the pens asserted the 19-month-old, 1,050 lb had cost \$619 (about £27 raise and brought \$367.50 t farmer, but would cost sumers \$63 at the meat cou

warning device

recent Trans World Airlines

height.

State governor set to join nomination rad

From Our Own Correspond Washington, Dec 12

Mr Jimmy Carter, the going Democratic Governs later today that he is rur for his party's preside nomination in 1975.

He would be the se among the predicted 21 challengers to make his can ture official.

Mr Carter, aged 50, is a nut farmer and one of the g of the mid-sixties mode who gave rise to the term "New South", implying r accommodation and econ development.

From Dessa Trevisan

Belgrade, Dec 12

Mr Mihajlo Mihajlov, the author of critical essays on communism, is to face trial on charges of hostile propaganda against the state.

The public prosecutor in Novi Sad, where Mr Mihajlov was arrested two months ago, alleges that in four articles published in a Russian émigré periodical, he gave a distorted picture of trends and events in Yugoslavia.

The trial had been set for next Thursday, but Mr Barovic, the author's counsel, asked for a postponement until next month Article 118 of the penal code charged provides for a prison tute for literary research, been from one to 15 years. In 1966 Mr Mihajlov was sen-

tenced to one year in jail and in 1967 to three and a half years, also on charges of hostile propa ganda. He left prison in 1970. He was also banned by the court from publishing for four years. To earn his livelihood he was, therefore, contributing to

foreign publications. He was offered a post as lecturer in Russian literature by various Western universities, but all his attempts to get an exit visa failed. Last year he wrote to President Tito asking for either a job in Yugoslavia or a passport to go abroad. He

under which Mr Mihajlov is was promised a job in an never materialized.
The fact that he bega

publish abroad, before the expired, is now being take an aggravating circumstanc The four articles quote

the indictment were publi

in American newspapers literary magazines and later reprinted in the Ru émigré journal Posev, publi in West Germany. The pro-

tion contends that Mr Mih: was contributing to the Ru-émigré press. This may ind: that the case is based no what Mr Mihajlov wrote bu where it was published.



Kurds say

Iragis use

By Edward Mortimer An 18-year-old Kurdish soldier

is being treated in a London

hospital for severe burns, be-lieved to have been caused by a phosphorous shell.

Mr Zahir Said, who spoke to

me through an interpreter, was

brought to London on Monday from Teheran, where he had been in a military hospital for 25 days. He was wounded on

October 23 at Garu Omar Agha

in northern Iraq, while fighting with the Kurdish Pesh Merga against Iraq Government forces.

A shell exploded near him with a very bright flash, Particles of a brightly-burning substance were chrosen on to his

scles of a brightly-burning substance were thrown on to his
skin. He rolled on the ground
and his companions threw sand
and water over him. However,
"it was just like throwing
perrol on fire. It got worse
Kurdish sources point out
that the use of phosphorous
projectiles, which they believe
were supplied to Irag by the

were supplied to Iraq by the Soviet Union, is a clear breach

of the Geneva Conventions, of which both Iraq and the Soviet

Union are signatories. With a fellow-soldier, Mr

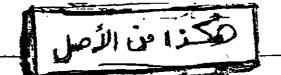
Mahmud Rashid, hit at the same

time, he was taken first to the Kurdish central hospital near

Chouman, then across the border

to a better-equipped hospital in

shells



Turkish Premier consults party eaders on foreign policy fter suspension of US arms aid

m Our Correspondent cara, Dec 12

ir Sadi Irmak, the acting American military aid. me Minister of Turkey, ay held a series of conferoff military aid to Turkey. Ir Irmak's Government was ised a vote of confidence in liament last month, but all party leaders said that they ild support his Government foreign policy issues ir Suleyman Demirel, the rman of the conservative ice Party, said: "Turkey lores the fact that Britain

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Africa

n Our Corespondent

innesburg, Dec 12

criticized the suspension of

ay held a series of conteres with party leaders to dis-toreign policy in the light own war industry and, "in the own war industry and, "in the meantime, look for other sources for purchasing

weapons."
Roger Berthoud writes from Brussels: Mr Callaghan, the British Foreign Secretary, today had a talk with Mr Esenbel, the Turkish Foreign Minister, on Cyprus. Later he met Mr Bitsios, the Greek Foreign Minister.

Mr Callaghan is understood to have said that in the British

Greece were instrumental Archbishop Makarios's re10 Cyprus." to have said that in the British

The Turkish press today rincized the suspension of merican military aid.
The mass circulation newspaper Hurriyet said Turkey

The Turkish press today Clerides, the Greek Cypriot leader, and Mr Rauf Denktash, his Turkish Cypriot counterpart, remain the best hope But Mr Esembel is believed to have pointed out that the return have pointed out that the return to Cyprus of Archbishop Makarios has put Mr Clerides's validity as a negotiator in

> Nicosia, Dec 12.—A hostile congregation forced the deposed Bishop Anthimos of Kitum to leave the Limassol cathedral

today,
Bishop Anthimos is one of three bishops of the Greek Orthodox Church of Cyprus deposed last year by a synod view the stalled inter-communal for their own illegal deposition talks between Mr Glafkos of Archbishop Makarios.—AP.

China joins in 'tyranny'

These superpowers, he said, had made use of the United

catalogue

From Patrick Brogan Washington, Dec 12

kept them out of the press pre-view, which the National Gal-

The main difference is in the catalogue and the labelling. The London catalogue is incompar-ably superior, but the Chinese found it ideologically impure,

same, the most beautiful of them taken for The Times by Mr D. Witty and Mrs Christina

h, so there had to be new atives in relation to South

China last night joined in the counter attack of the developing countries against criticism by the Americans and West Europeans of this year's General

fered from the "tyranny of the minority, that is, the one or two super powers".

Nations and done many things in contravention of the Charter. If the organization was now to play its proper role and con-form to world trends, it should free itself from "superpower manipulation and control". The Americans had spoken of

a "dangerous trend", Mr Huang Hua said. But in fact it was only the emergence and growth of the numerous countries of the Third World since the Second World War, and this was not a dangerous trend but

President Ford's new chief of staff hopes to reverse past pattern of too much promise, too few results phosphorus

Man who tries to defuse expectations

Mr Donald Rumsfeld: "You

by consent."

From Fred Emery

Washington, Dec 12
In the face of new criticism
that often borders on painful ridicule, President Ford last night stood his ground and modestly but firmly announced he would not be rushed. His speech on economic policy

to the massed ranks of company chairmen attending the Business Council was, beyond the techni-cal points, clearly intended as a political and psychological political and steadying touch.

How it works is another question. The latest lapel button to flourish among Democrats at Kansas City is symptomatic. It reads BATH (Back Again to Hoover), or back again to complacency in the face of economic collapse.

Mr Ford's style in his first

100 days has been so different from Mr Nixon's—consultation all round, (excepting the pardon) and good fellow exporta-tion—that he has been a woe-fully easy target. With the economic crisis deepening it is

easy to suggest complacency.

But Mr Ford, from his own words and those of his closest advisers, seems to be about to do something more permanent— to try weaning Americans, and all others, from the Kennedy

idea that the American President can do it all.

Last night he insisted that he would not go for the "quick fix" just for the sake of action. Iran.
Mr Said, who is severely burned with his left ear lost and unable to close his left eye, will be in hospital three or four He announced that the "economic rules of the economic game are not going to be changed every other month". Above all, it seemed, he wanted to get over

west wing Rooseveli Room the other day, Mr Rumsfeld insisted that the President and his closest advisers were indeed aware of the problems, as well as the ridicule in the air.

He sounded pained but would make no counterattack. Instead, he insisted that the important thing was " to do what is right " and "to do what achieves results". Without mentioning the name Kennedy, he scotted at those who placed all value on effort and activity without regard for results.

Mr Rumsfeld also pleaded for ome understanding of the lack of preparation Mr Ford and his men had had for assuming office from Mr Nixon, and implicitly, for the mess they had inherited. Mr Rumsfeld, himself a former Congressional ally of Mr Ford's in the mid-sixties, insisted

that the President had "consumate skill in dealing with a Democratic Congress." The vest the idea that it was not just up to the President or Government, Democratic majorities in the new Congress ahead did not but everyone to keep the faith and revive confidence. make him despair. The idea that expectations can be defused, at the same time But he kept coming back to as confidence is revived, is propounded by the men around Mr

his theme that too much was expected of the President, that there was too little realization that problems existed to which Ford, and none more passionately so than Mr Donald Rumsthere might be no solutions or The new White House chief of that solutions hitherto advocated staff is putting the finishing touches to a Ford staff reorgaand pursued might turn out to be disastrously wrong.

nization, and if he is to be The message is not inspirational, but the intent, if it can believed it will be the obverse be heard amidst the doomsaving of a Kennedy-Johnson operation clamour, is to be reassuring. More will be heard, and expecwhich had too much promise and too few results, in his view. In ardent discussion in the ted, of Mr Rumsfeld.

British curb on envoys

seeks

From Our Correspondent

Mr Whitlam

Melbourne, Dec 12 Mr Gough Whitlam, the Prime Minister, leaves Australia on Saturday on an extensive over-seas tour which will last five weeks and take him to 14

One of the aspects of his journey to which Mr Whitlam attaches the utmost importance relates to the status in London of the representatives of the various Australian state governments. The Prime Minister will ask the British Government to place severe restrictions on these representatives. He will ask Mr. Wilson to restrict the access of state Agents-General to the British Government and to Euckingham Palace.

Earlier this year state Agents-

General were stripped of certain diplomatic immunities and privileges they held in Britain.

If Mr Whitlam has his way, state Agents-General will have no more status than the London representatives of Australian companies. The Prime Minister's moves will antagonize the state. premiers, particularly Mr Bjelke Peterson, the Queens

land Premier, who is especially sensitive on the issues of state rights and sovereignty.

Mr Bjelke-Petersen's move to invest the Queen as Queen of Queensland is regarded by Canberra as a device to permit Queensland to deal with Britain on a government to government basis.

r Vorster, the South can Prime Minister, who President Kannda of bia is credited with being prime mover behind Rho-a's three-point agreement the African nationalists, is

being urged to put his wn per order the gulu leader, said today he towledged the role played Mr Vorster in the Lusaka

ntiations. He urged him to nw up his moves by releas-South African political dehope in the same spirit for passion for Bram Fisher iaid. Mr Fisher, aged 66, jailed leader of the banned h African Communist Party, ritically ill in a Pretoria ital. He was jailed for life

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Property Called on Mr. ter to set up a national control of black and white are to map out the country's of the could start with release.

le could start with releas-Nelson Mandela," Mr lleton said. Mr Mandela, er of the banned African anal Congress, is serving a entence

hite Opposition leaders omed the Rhodesian omed the Rhodesian uncements. Sir De Villiers f, leader of the United y, said however: "Much ains to be done and we dd not be unduly dismayed urther setbacks occur." ir Colin Eglin, the leader of anti-apartheid Progressive ty, said that just as there een new initiatives to the

dispute at the UN
From Peter Strafford Nations

New York, Dec 12

Assembly, Mr Huang Hua, the Chinese representative, said the United Nations had long suf-

Chinese change in US exhibition

The Nationalist Chinese, the South Koreans, the Israelis and the South Africans got their chance to visit the Chinese exhibitio ntoday, with many hundreds of other people. The anathema issued by the Chinese Liaison Office here on Tuesday

The exhibition is now open to all comers and queues are forming to see the Flying Horse and the jade suit of Princess

which is why they produced

their own, Only the photographs are the

Gascoigne. Some lucky people at today's opening had copies of the Lon-don book with them. Everyone else had to content himself with the Chinese book which, though full of information, gives less detail than the British one

Ir Smith's address to e people of Rhodesia

lisbury, Dec 12.—Followis the text of his address to nation last night by Mr Smith, the Rhodesian Prime

cre have recently been a num-of moves behind the scenes in has become known as ite in South Africa. These is have been directed at bring-to an end confrontation in to an end confrontation in tern Africa and substituting in a stead conditions in which eful discussion of our affairs mes the instrument whereby rences can be resolved and the solution be found.

ere is. I am sure, no need for to spell out the benefits for and white Rhodesians which of flow from a successful outof these moves. It is very
dy the Africans in the tribal
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e number of tribesmen who heen killed in the past two s is not far short of 200 and y thousands of them bave been g in fear of their lives during period. To afford protection hese people in these areas, able human and material trees have had to be diverted tour main task, which is to lop our country for the fit of all of its people.

Sking beyond our borders, we

so our country for the solid of all of its people.

whing beyond our borders, we have can beighbours, in addition to heard the solid our borders, we have comed the initiatives towards the which have recently been a in southern Africa and which how reached a climax, ou are already aware that the desian Government itself took bold initiative in allowing ined African leaders to profit to Lusaka for discussions with ident Kaunda and his colless. During this period consulty and Lusaka, but last kend it became clear that ous difficulties had arisen, so were described in the statest issued by the Rhodesian erument on Saturday, Decem-7.

rement on Saturday, Decem
to the exchanges have continued week and the difficulties I are mentioned have now been lived. In particular, firstly, I are received assurances to the ct that terrorist activities in desia will cease immediately, secondly, that the propused stitutional conference will take to without any preconditions, excordingly. I have agreed to asse the African leaders from antion and restriction, and their owers as well. They will he mitted to engage in normal vity in terms of the laws application on the firm lerstanding that everyone conned will conduct themselves cefully and within the law, is will, I believe, create the attanosphere for the holding a constitutional conference. In doubt there will be some one you who will feel concerned the implications of these developments. In the light of events in past decade, this is understand.

able. However, let me reassure you all, firstly, that it is your Government's firm intention to maintain law and order in Rhodesia. secondly, that we are not prepared to deviate from our standards of

to deviate from our standards to civilization.

There may be others who will be misled into thinking that the situation in Rhodesia today is comparable with that which existed in Mozambique before the coup in metropolitan Portugal last April. The fallacles and misconceptions in this line of thinking can be readily exposed, but this is not the occasion for me to enlarge on these differences. Let me assure you, however, that there is no possibility whatever of a similar train of events occurring here in Rhodesia.

Rhodesia.

There are two further words of warning which I believe are appropriate this evening Firstly, although I have accepted in complete good faith the undertaking that acts of terrorism will cease immediately. It may take some time for this to be fully effective. People in the affected areas should therefore continue to take appropriate pregnations.

therefore continue to take appropriate pretautions.
Secondly, this announcement does not mean that a sertlement has been achieved, and it certainly does not mean that sanctions are about to be lifted. On the contrary, it is of the greatest importance that in the coming months the security of commercial information should be carefully safeguarded. On similar occasions in the past, when settlement expectations have arisen, our economic effort has arisen, our economic effort has been prejudiced because of com-

heen prejudiced because or com-placency and carelessuess. Finally, I call upon all Rhodes-ians of all races to accept the new situation in our country, to put behind us the differences and the recriminations of the past and to look to the future. I ask you to go out of your way

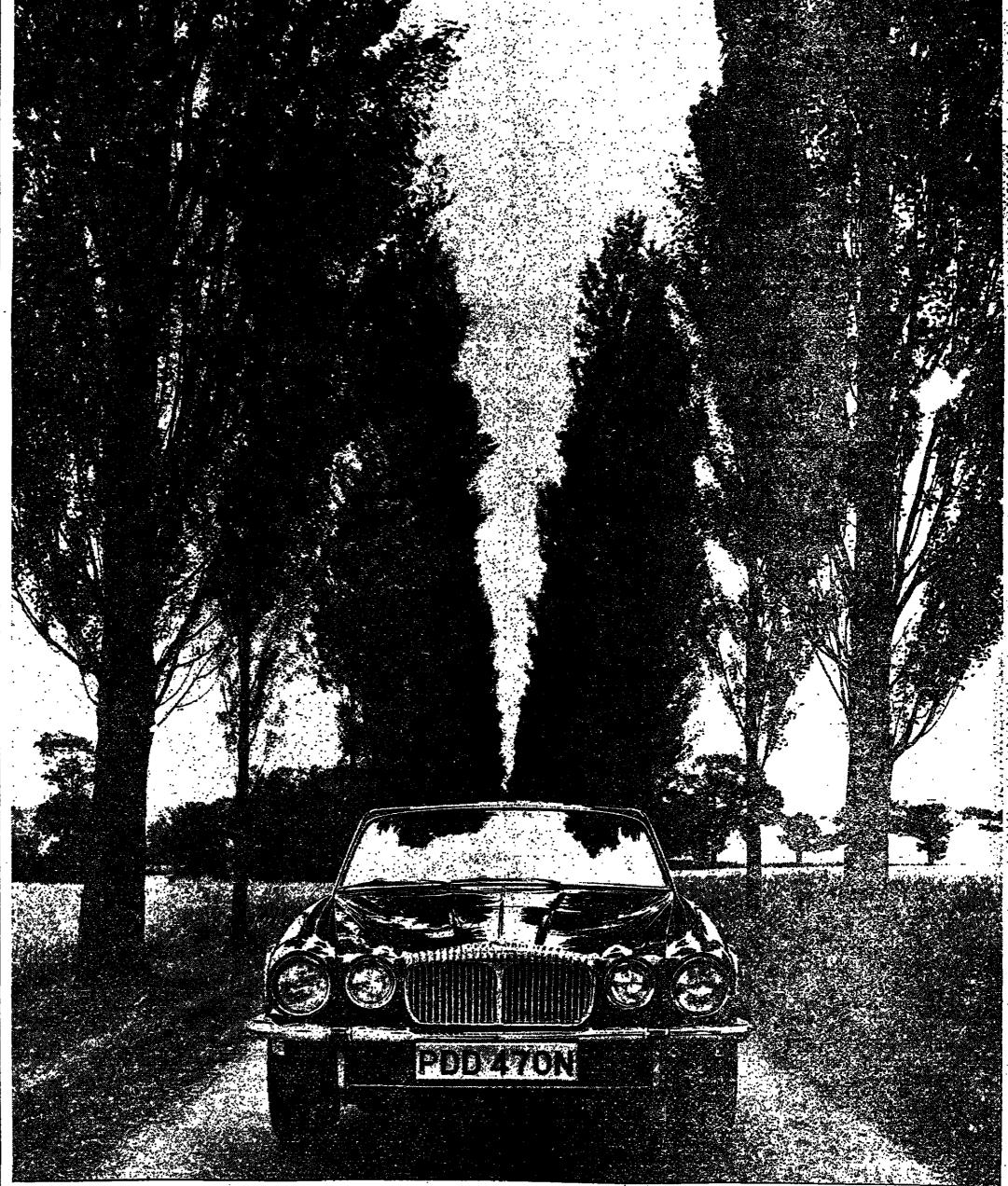
to help create conditions of har-mony and peace. We live in a world in which many countries are beset by famine and by internal strife.

By contrast we have more than enough food for our own require-ments and we are in a position to help alleviate misery and starva-tion elsewhere. Furthermore, our own internal race relations, despite current problems, are easier and more relaxed than in most countries which have different

racial communities.
Let us build on this foundation.
Let us all do our best to establish a climate of mutual respect in which constitutional matters can be discussed calmly and objectively in the hope that we shall be able to reach a settlement which will be in the best interests of all Rhode-

in the best interests of all knowlessians.

I make this appeal to you, believing that while this may turn out to be the first step towards a settlement, the major task will lies ahead with many complex problems which will tax our ability, our patience and our strength. It will take the best of our well-known Rhodesian spirit and courage if we are to win through. In the light of our past history, I In the light of our past history, I do not believe that we shall be found wanting in this regard.



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Mr Miki's pledges fail to win over trade union body

From Peter Hazelhurst put forward rangible and acceptable (that is socialist): proposals to the unions.

Prime Minister of Japan, asked the nation today to help his Government to fight inflation and recession, the country's proposals to the unions.

He added, that Soliyo was not inflexible but it would go ahead with its plans to join unorganized labour and smaller proposals. larges; and most powerful trade unions to promote a strike for i union organization, Soliyo, re- an indefinite period in April. buffed his call for a dialogue with labour and threatened to launch a strike early next year in support of claims that could increase the national wage bill by 25 per cent.

ence. Mr Miki promised to give priority to curbing inflation and fighting social injustices. He also promised to publish a detailed list of his personal assets.

His future motto would be: "Honesty, sincerity and clean ations on budgetary outlays politics." Pleading for the would prevent the Government nation's cooperation he pointed from taking drastic steps in 1975 out that the Government would find itself incapable of ruling if it did not receive the crust of the people.

It became, however, clear later today that Mr Miki's promises failed to impress the leaders of Sohno (the General Council of Insure

Sohvo (the General Council of future. Trade Unions) who said that they in an attempt to consolidate had "no illusions about the new the impression that he would

Cabinet ". oppose any excesses by big busiMr Makoto Ichikawa, the ness in future. Mr Miki prochairman of Sohyo, a powerful mised to introduce a Bill which left-wing organization which would tighten the anti-monopoly : forced industry to raise the laws.
national wage bill by more than Turning to the energy crisis national wage bill by more than

30 per cent last spring, told a Mr Miki hinted that he did not meeting of labour leaders today support the United States plan that Sohyo would confront the Cabinet as firmly as it did in the nast.

Cabinet as firmly as it did in the supported a dialogue between

Mr Ichikawa said that he would not respond to the Prime Minister's call for a dialogue between the Government and their de labour, unless the Government East oil.

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Mills's friend

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for a conference of industrial-

consumers and producers but he pointed out that the United

States and Japan differed in their dependence on Middle

is charged

From Our Own Correspondent
New York, Dec 12
Miss Fanne Foxe, the
Argentine nightclub stripper
who led to the downfall of Mr
Wilbur Mills, the outgoing
chairman of the House of Representatives ways and means

committee, was arrested in Sanford, Florida, early this morning and charged with with hear-seeking SA7 Grail with heat-seeking SA7 Grail portable surface-to-air missile indecent exposure. Mr Jack Fulenwider, the assistant State Attorney, told launchers, which are able to shoot down aircraft flying below reporters that Miss Foxe, whose

real name is Señora Annabella i Military officers said that the Battistella, had been completely district capital of Tanh Linh, naked during a performance. | district capital of Tanh Linh, The owner of the nightclub | 73 miles north-east of Saigon,

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Mrs Betty Ford, wife of the American President, is surrounded by children of members of the Washington diplomatic corps at a Christmas party she gave in the White House.

Ottawa disregarded police warning on Soviet 'spy'

From Our Correspondent

Ottawa, Dec 12
A disclosure that the External A disclosure that the External Affairs Department granted a visa to an alleged Soviet spy in defiance of a recommendation by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, is expected to provoke Opposition demands in the House of Commons for an explanation

planation.
Mr Alexander Gresko was one of 90 Soviet diplomats and officials expelled from Britain in 1971 accused of espionage Earlier this week, it was dis-closed that he had been admitted to Canada as a Soviet attaché for the 1976 summer Olympic Games in Montreal. He has

since disappeared and is be-lieved to have gone back Chief Superintendent Murray also had been arrested and the promotion of an indecent show. Both he and Miss Foxe were released on bail today.—UP.

Charged with the promotion of tact was lost in an attack by day that the force's security seran indecent show. Both he and Miss Foxe were released on bail today.—UP.

had advised that Mr Gresko should not be given a visa. Superintendent Sexsmith said that the RCMP had information on Mr Gresko, but refused to give any details, except to re-peat "What is publicly known about Mr Gresko—the fact that he is a KGB (Soviet secret police) staff officer".

Less than a month ago, Mr Gresko posed for pictures with Mr Trudeau, the Prime Mini-ster, at the latter's office during an ice-hockey sweater exchange. On Tuesday, in the Commons, Mr Trudeau said, in answer to a question, that the External Affairs Department as well as the RCMP "are aware, and were aware, of the identity of Mr Gresko".

Mr Gresko is general secretary of the Soviet National

Canadian oil export ban strains **US** ties

From Our Corerspondent Ottawa, Dec 12

Relations between Canada and the United States appear to be heading into a period of strain and some Canadians are con-cerned that the underlying layer of goodwill is starting to wear a little thin.

The latest and potentially the most explosive issue is the Canadian decision to cut off oil exports to the Mid-West region of the United States by 1983. Exports this year have been averaging 900,000 barrels a day. By the end of 1975 the flow will be down to 650,000 barrels daily and it will steadily decline after

The United States reaction, though restrained at the Administration level, will no doubt grow in intensity as the Canadian curbs begin to bite.

Whole areas of the Midwest have become dependent on Alberat for their oil, and a numher of refineries have been built on the expectation that those supplies would continue uninterrupted.

Explanations that Canada is fast losing its self-sufficiency in oil, and simply will have none to export unless more reserves are discovered, have proved argely futile so far.

Mr Trudeau's recent visit to Washington, and his talks with President Ford and congres-sional leaders, railed to defuse

the issue. Senator Walter Mondale, a liberal Democrat from Minne-sota, has said that Canadian-American relations could be-come ugly because of Canadian

policy.
Some senators and congressmen already are urging the Administration to retaliate against Canada for heavily taxing oil exports to the United States. A spokesman for one legislator said Washington should "go for Canada's jugular" by taxing oil fed from western Canada to eastern

Canada through a pipeline par-tially situated on American soil. The export tax Canada levies is the difference between \$6.50 per barrel ceiling maintained on oil sold in Canada and the world price of \$11.70, or around \$5.20 a barrel. The proceeds are used to subsidize sales of foreign oil in Quebec and the Maritime provinces, not served by the pipe-

line.
The dispute over oil exports comes at a time when Canada and the United States are in open conflict over the transborder meat trade, with America having retaliated against Cana-dian quotas on beef and cattle

Olympic Committee and is in-volved in planning for the 1980 same products from Canada as summer games in Moscow. **Astronauts will inspect**

from Edmund Stevens

able to inspect and familiarize themselves with the Soyuz spaceship to be used on the joint American-Soviet mission when they visit the Soviet cosmodrome at Baikonur in central Asia next May, according to Central Shatzlov who is of more than 10 tons connected ing to General Shatalov, who is

He was replying at a press conference to a question from an American correspondent who referred to an American space official's complaint that American astronauts and technicians space facilities was restricted in comparison with the freedom the Americans gave to visiting

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recent mission on board the Soyuz 16, which was a prepara-tion for the joint mission. Mr Rukavshnikov, in reply to of more than 10 tons connected

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Mr Eisaku Sato, a former Japanese Prime Minister, said that fundamental changes involving partial surrender of sovereignty should be envisaged. Giving his Nobel lecture at the Nobel Institute in Oslo, Mr MacBride called for the provi-sion of conciliation machinery that would automatically initiate

also be given authority to send fact-finding missions in cases involving gross violations of human rights-Reuter.

fire during yesterday's riots in Rangoon as mobs attacked police An official statement said to-night that the police were forced to open fire to protect them-

versity campus, where students had buried the body of U Thant,

According to police estimates, the rioters, numbering some thousands, destroyed the Gov-ernment's Road Transport Corporation building, the Housing Board building and a train at a local station, besides burning 25

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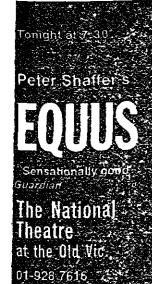
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"You can't teach talent", de-clared Lev Kuloshov, the first man to assault the problems of teaching cinema. All that a film Among the films screened, school can hope to do, he dis-covered, was to provide the best conditions for talent to develop and mature, to generate a favourable atmosphere of mutual encouragement and stimulation, to help the artist overcome the purely mechani-cal and organizational problems of technique and money which can place such formidable obstacles between intention and

creation.
Kuleshov's film workshops, which were ultimately to bear fruit both in the achievements of the early Soviet cinema and in the creation of the first film school in the world, the Moscow Film Institute, were created more than 50 years ago. We in Britain finally got our National Film School in 1970, following the recommendations of the the recommendations of the Lloyd Committe, set up in 1966. (Before this, it is fair to re-member, besides film activity in art schools and polytechnics, the Loudon Film School was opera-ting with minimal resources and occasionally brilliant results.)

The National Film School took its first students in 1971, so that the first graduates have just left the school for professional employment. At the National Film Theatre next week the public can see some of the work-raw exercises or diploma films-that have been made in the course of the past

three years.

The first impression of their considerable bulk of film (some 20 hours distributed between 10 programmes) is the freedom and variety of the work. This certainly might be expected to follow from the freedom of the school's curriculum. After the initial year in which students are encouraged to gain a basic grounding in all aspects of filmmaking, the student is fairly free to allocate his time be-

It is a system clearly aimed at mature students, and the average age of the students at the NFS is 26, with some individuals aged 40 or more. This Jancsos indicated by the earlier probably explains also the comparative freedom of the films shown at the NFT from the more common obsessions of the films graphy of Denis Homes to the handsome photocommon obsessions of student film-makers—latter-day Godard imitation, grim introspections into late adolescent socio-sexual hang-ups, or dart-and-zoom docu-

there appears to be a distinctive bias to actuality and a superior style of television reportage with (as might be expected) a strong social commitment. Nicholas Broomfield (who is already directing for Granada TV) has recorded the elusive mores and sentiments of the British middle classes in the admirable Proud to be British (screened at last year's London Film Festival) and now appears as a collabora-tor on Miners' Newsreel (shot during the three-day week period) and director of Behind the Rent Strike, which contains some brilliantly perceptive record, notably a sequence shot in a school, of the social background to a rent strike at Vieland page 1 increase.

Kirkby, near Liverpool. Talent, and something more, will out. Among the rest of the reportages is Dear Mr Barber, I'd Like to Swim the Channel, directed by Ben Lewin (now working for BBC's Nationwide). working for BBC's Nationwide.
This is not the first or last film about a Channel attempt; but Lewin has a rare talent for catching the quirks of word and gesture. The struggles and failure of a 13-year-old aspirant, and the pathetic amateurism of the Channel-swimming "industry", become a melantholy comedy with even a hint of comedy with even a hint of Olmi, as the little enterprise struggles garrulously from folly

to folly.

Perhaps the stress on realism rernaps the stress of realism is connected with what Professor Young, principal of the NFS, seex as "their biggest inhibition: dealing with actors. I mention this because it soon became abundantly clear that insecurity in this regard led most the bide. students to attempt to hide behind the technological problems involved rather than face head-on the need to develop ways of moving from a fiction script to the screen via the pertween the five main activities formances and interpretations of the school: "technical" or "conceptual" training in a workshop; screenings, discussions and other more theorem on been able to see the school's first feature production. Guido cal activities; personal or group first feature production, Guido production; or attachment to a professional production or company.

The production of the school was John Lind's The Reprise, which went the rounds are to see the school was feature production, Guido van de Vijvere's Pulling Through). An early work of the school was John Lind's The Reprise, which went the rounds

> graphy of Denis Borrow and John Sharrad. A specially intriguing dramatic essay is Horse-boy directed by Chris Coles, in which

the special strategic and tech-nical problems of shooting a film abroad (in Switzerland) with non - English - speaking actors. As a parody of the television series Ski Boy, it is a quite funny pastiche of the slick techniques and ersatz sent-ments of television series

drama, with even its own built-in commercial break. As a school film it invites interesting speculations: were the film-makers exorcizing their fears that they too might fall incothat they too might fall into this sort of film-making, or are they advertising their skill in doing so?

It takes all sorts to make a school, and the National Film School shows its ability to accommodate a lot of tastes and temperaments Brian Huberman (who photographed Dear Mr Barber) has worked out an obsession with The Alamo in an ingenious, passionate restaging, using models and feature film extracts. Dennis Lowe's Temptas reveals a technical wizardry far beyond any student expectations though student expectations, though the literary content—"a view of the inter-relationships be-tween Man and God as visualized through the myths that sur-round creation "—rather over-reaches itself.

A lot of the work patently consists of exercises, experiments or simple failures. Some is predictably tiresome or pretentious. All of it, though, has the supreme attraction of bright

The indefarigable Gate Cinema, Notting Hill, is presenting a series of classic comedies through the Christmas season. The rarest is Buster Keaton's The Saphead: the Gate's claim that it has not been seen for years is true if you except few National Film Theatre screenings. It is a charming oddity, though it would be a mistake from all points of view to go expecting one of the great Keaton comedies of his maturity.

The comedian had little to do

ith the conception of the film, which was based on a stage success of 1913, The New Hen-rietta, in which Douglas Fair-banks had made such a success that he was brought to Hollywood to make a film version. The Lamb. According to Keaton it was in fact Fairbanks and Mary Pickford who suggested him for the role in this second

film version.

It is a mildish sort of comedy, about the fool of the family who, on his very first visit to the Stock Exchange, thwarts the villain and saves the family fortunes. It gives Keaton the film-makers set themselves only limited comic opportuni

ties, apart from a very characteristic scene in which—anxious to prove himself a playboy in the eyes of the heroine tries vainly to get himself arrested in a club raid; and some elegant acrobatic comedy

in the stock market scenes.

The three great Harry Lang don shorts which the Gate is showing — Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, Tramp. The Strong Man and Long Pants (the last two both directed by the young Frank Capra)—should merit Langdon a revival comparable with Keaton's. Langdon, who came like most of his great contemporaries from vaudeville, is weirder than the rest. He is

on the one hand a kind of pierrot lunaire, on the other an elderly baby. His clothes are baby-like—tiny boots on turned-out feet, a squashed little har that sits where it has been perched on top of his head, with a kiss-curl creeping under it; flared baggy trousers; an outgrown jacket with six buttons, the top one done up somewhat awry at his wishbone, so that it sticks out below, over his plump little body. His arms are stiff like a baby's and will not lie flat

by his sides. Like a baby he seems always to be being picked up and put down, dressed (by his boss in The Strong Man) or undressed (by a floozie in the same film: his sexual encounters are par-ticularly odd). If he does manage to attend to himself (rubbing his chest, for instance, with Limburger cheese under the impression that it is a cold cures, it is with the absorbed. solemn, crroneous care of a little child. And his mischief is like a child's: The Strong Man opens with Harry as a First World War soldier, gleefully hombarding the Boche with ration biscuits hurled from a carantir.

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The supporting programmes are made up of W. C. Fields' two-reelers which concentrate his comedy to a degree which could be positively dangerous to the too-abandoned laughter. Pool Sharks (a silent from 1915 and his great days as a vaude-ville star; and The Golf Specialist are records of his famous stage acts. The Dentist, The Pharmacist (in which a prototypical Fields infant devours the family capary, coughing a little on the feathers) and The Barber Shop look like sketches for the great, anarchic features that were to follow. The Fatal Glass of Beer is utter foolishonly treasure every screen moment of the Great Disreputable.

David Robinson

Return to opera at the Coliseum

have been suggestions that he would resign and take other

senior members of the Coli-seum staff with him if the

matter were allowed to be

swept under the carpet.
The Arts Council has been re-

quested by the ENO board to

set up another investigation into the criticisms made of the

Coliseum in the SWETM/

Lord Harewood yesterday regretted that little comment had

come from the theatre during

the time it had been closed.

"After the curtailment of The Bassarids we had immediate contact with NATKE and with-

in a few days we had reached a

procedural agreement with the secretary of the union, but this was rejected by the suspended staff here by a large majority.

Clearly we could not say any-thing that might in any way up-

"But I am well aware of the harm that the closure has done us. The public's confidence has

clearly suffered. All permanent

NATKE report

Barring accidents opera will be set up. They have asked be back on stage at the Coliseum management to seum next week. Lord Harewood, managing director of the and individual responsibility English National Opera, said for the cancellation of that peryesterday, "We hope to put on formance of The Bassarids. the two scheduled perform. This has been insisted on by ances of The Barber of Seville Charles Mackerras, the musical before Christmas. Fortunately director of the ENO, and there the production is not a compli-cated one, although there will be considerable pressure on our Rosina and our Almaviva, both of whom are new to their roles in London. The revival of The Mastersingers, all being well, will go ahead on New Year's Eve, and we are planning the new The Magic Flute,

ning the new The Magic Flute, which has been postponed during the dispute with NATKE for the middle of January".

There is pleasure that the Coliseum, which has been closed since the dismissal of 46 stage staff after the curtailed performance of The Bassarids on October 31, looks as shough it will be back in as though it will be back in business once more. But the wounds of the past six weeks are very far from being healed. The management of the Coliseum was sharply criticized in the report made public yester-day, of the Conciliation Board, formed from representatives of NATKE and the Society of West End Theatre Managers. Lord Harwood feels that there should have been the right of

reply at least.
"We were not asked to make any observations on the criti-cisms made of the running of the Coliseum and of the dispute with the suspended members of the stage staff. And that is rather startling. The board has every right to come to whatever conclusions it whatever conclusions it chooses, but I would have been happier if we had been asked for a comment. I'm also told that it is rare for such a board to make all its findings available to the press."

The ENO's own board met on Wednesday evening and de-cided that more inquiries must

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companies rely on an audience which believes that what you are doing is worthwhile and that it is going to happen. We've simply got to reengage the sympathy of the public and there is no short cut to that, although I believe that our revival of Mastersingers and the two new productions next month, The Magic Flute and Der Rosenkavalier, are certainly going to We're only a day late on Peter Pan, and that is going into rehearsal on stage imme-

Stanley Baker is in Spair where he has just completed filming The Mark of Zorro and Valentino Award Today in Rome Stanley Baker will receive the Rudolf is now making Pepita Jiminez with Sarah Miles. He is ex-Valentino Award for outstanding contributions to the film industry over the past 20 years. pected to return to London at the end of January.

diately."

Early Music Consort Queen Elizabeth Hall

Thomas Walker The Early Music Consort led a whirlwind tour of European

courts through four centuries on Wednesday, and Queen Eliza-beth Hall could hardly have To sustai accommodated more, or more enthusiastic, tourists. Our five clever guides began their trip through time with the relatively recent and familiar : madrigals both in ready supply. The and frottolas from Renaissance occasional presence of a vocal lady, songs Emperor Maximilian I might have heard, villancicos a welcome change of perspec-

Aida.

already brought an impressive modern operatic repertory to London; earlier this year they beat Wexford to it with Massenet's Thois, and this week they are really pushing the boat out with nothing less spectacular and demanding than Verdi's Most opera schools (outside Bloomington, Indiana, which depends for main roles on its vocal

Royal Northern College

When you have a (by conserva-

tory standards) large modern

opera theatre to play with, it

would be a cowardly conserva-

tory that did not make full use

of it. The Royal Northern Col-

lege of Music in Manchester has

of Music

William Mann

professors, who are experienced international stars) would regard a student Aida as famespurred foolhardiness. But there spurred foolhardiness: But there is virtue in daring (Cocteau's "knowing just how far to go too far"), so long as the dare can be brought off. John Manduell and Joseph Ward, his opera organizer, have brought Aida off, with a double cast in most principal roles, and a large student chorus bolstered by the Rhos Male Voice Choir. This Aida (further performances on Aida (further performances on December 14, 17, and 21) is grand, full of stylish detail, and thoroughly stirring. To remind us all that this college is genuinely royal, the first per-formance, on Wednesday, was attended by the Duchess of Kent, who is the college's president.

Aida is a sumptuous sing for chorus and a thrilling play for an orchestra—during the Triumph Scene and a few times else. But chiefly it is about more intimate political and personal interplay (as the excellent unspectacular current Welsh National production reminds us). Lanceford Roberts, John Higgins Radames in both casts, was in duty bound to sing a handsome "Celeste Aida" and he did; he remained impressive, not subtle but a pleasure to hear and watch, until the end of a long role. The Ramfis in this cast, John Rath, was vocally his

and other Spanish trifles from

the turn of the sixteenth

After drinks and coffee we

sped back over the Tinctoris

watershed; the eminent fift-

eenth-century theorist asserted

that nothing much before Dufay was worth listening to, past the

Burgundian court of Philip the

Good and the Papal Schism to

To sustain such a varied pro-

the ubiquitous feudal art of the

gramme with only four players

and a singer requires showman-ship as well as musicianship;

Munrow and his friends bave

century.

match in power and quality, and indeed gave a gripping impersonation of the priest, a proto-Shuisky, a gleefully pre-datory vulture behind the mask of ritual.

The red-headed, no more than sun-tanned Aida, Alison Jack, began quietly, not quite pre-cisely, but warmed to her task, leading the triumphal ensemble strongly, negotiating "O patria mia" expertly, and goading Radames into treachery with Barnes's mezzo seemed unready to project the jealous passion of Amneris, though she acted her crucial interviews with Aida and Radames quite brilliantly: now and then she revealed a strong chest voice and easy top register. Much the same could be said of David Marsh's Amonasro, enjoyable when he could be heard, a dramatic force all the time. The off-stage Priestess, Elaine Turner, was a strong, cogent singer from whom we shall surely hear again.

The standard of stage pre sence, judicious reaction to the turn of events, and appreciation of character, was unusually high throughout. The cast must have been helped by attractive well-made costumes (the work of Juanita Waterson, who also designed the skilfully adaptable, historically fascinating settings) and by the exemplary produc-tion of Arthur Hammond who must know Aida as intimately as any musician in the world, who knows also how drama is enhanced by immobility when music must sustain the action, and how continuity can be visu-ally helped by bringing on characters for the next scene just before the previous one is over. The ballets were possibly the most unpretentiously apt and pleasing I have ever seen in an Aida, even if the one in the Triumph Scene appeared to have been imported from

Bangkok.

Richard Hickox, who conducted, often seemed an accompanist inattentive to his singers, doggedly sustaining tempi slow for their vocal powers (and sometimes, the music's needs). He got a firm, resonant sound from his student orchestra and held the big ensembles together as firmly as his reputation had led one to expect. No doubt this Aida will surface again some-where: it would be wasteful to let something, actually as well as potentially, so admirable, vanish after only four performances. I would love to see it

tive, and occasionally more than that, as in Binchois's oftperformed "Files a marier much of whose pungency derives from an imitative duet.

Yet James Bowman's counter tenor provides such an exquisite vehicle for early song that it would be churlish to complain. The voice is often cool, even deliberately unexpressive, to match the technically flawless surface and suave, tossed-off phrasing of his accompanists: a policy decision, perhaps, to prefer nobile sprezzatura to fire. He and they occasionally gave way to more inward, reflective interpretations, nowhere more perfectly than in Dufay's deeply felt motet on the fall of Constantinople.

Francis Durbridge presents ... Melissa BBC 1

Stanley Reynolds

What an enterprising idea of the BBC to remake Melissa, updated, and in colour of course. and how churlish of some television critics to yawn just because they saw it back in 1965 and remember whodunnit.
Those of us who don't know
have been glued to our seats

these past two weeks. How does he do it, people usually ask of Durbridge. Well, it is rather patently obvious how Mr Durbridge does it. He is plainly and simply a master of mystery. It is such a blatant technique, creating a corpse, in this case the Melissa of the title,

write successful murder stories. But there is a catch. You must also untangle the web. And here it is where the men are separ-

ated from the boys, and Mr Durbridge from the mundane writers of 'tecs and thrillers. Others could perhaps ravel but can they unravel like Mr Dur-bridge does? Peter Barkworth, the mild-

mannered hero of Melissa, is obviously caught in a devilish frame-up. A mysterious phone call from his dead wife leads him to his country cottage where, lo and behold, the corpse of young Mary Antrobus (Zuleika, Robson) turns up. People, for no apparent reason, pretend to be somebody else, and other people whom our hero

does not know, pretend they and then shrouding everything in the most mind-spinning and know him. It has a nightmare complex mystery that it is rather like a lesson in how to quality, a touch of the Franz Kafkas—no wonder Durbridge is a great favourite on German telly. This week, in the second

episode. I was sure we would be seeing some light at the end of the tunnel. But no: Durbridge's labyrinth kept on winding, taking its most tricky turning at the very end just before the credits roll and still

We have not even learnt why anyone should want to kill Melissa. Even the most cunning of mystery men usually let you know that the corpse was rich, a mean old man with many enemies, or some such motive. Come to think of it, I'm not sure that Melissa is dead. At this point we schoolboys used to wake our hero up declaring "and it was all a dream".

Jack and the Beanstalk

Irving Wardle

Henry Livings is a playwright of many talents, but story-telling is not one of them, as he proves yet again in this garbled telling of a fine old tale.

For a start, true to the anti-feminist bias of the North, he casts Jack's mother as the ogre. Rosemary Leach plays her as a luxury-bingo matron, all smiles and genteel vowels to the house and a tyrant to her ragged son, whom she dispatches on mission after mission up the dreaded to satisfy her insatiable greed.

Quartet Purcell Room

The Concertgebouw Piano Quartet, an accomplished ensemble from the Netherlands. offered an unusually enterpris-ing programme on their London debut on Wednesday: two con-temporary works, one rarity and one piece of standard fare. They were bold to open with a quartet, written for them only last year, by a Dutch composer Henk Badings: bold particularly because it starts so unpromis-ingly, with a Lento movement full of devices like harmonics. col legno, pizzicato and tremo-lando, but empty of musical invention—which sounds like a

designed to focus attention on RPO/Downes Festival/Radio 3

concerto at a Philharmonic pleasures both lyrical and mer-Society concert, it is not the work we most expect to find in this august society's program-mes in 1974, especially from a pianist like Clifford Curzon, nowadays more dedicated to intimacies than flamboyance.

Brave as was Mr Curzon's

In itself, the situation is richly farcical and full of hideously recognizable strokes of domestic blackmail. Miss Leach's merry widow is also well-matched against Geoffrey Larder's Jack, a squelched rebel who starts winning only when he escapes her clutch.

All this, interspersed with song interludes in Mr Livings's Pongo style, is fresh and funny, but it plays havor with the main story. Who cares about the defeat of the fairy-tale ogre when the real one down below is collecting all the loot? To make things worse, the tale is embellished with a long incomprehensible mime about the ogre's exploitation of the family, and aiming to convert the piece into a fable on greed. Nonsense

again, as Jack is the greediest of the lot. He releases the golden goose (now his mother's property), but takes good care to hang on to the magic harp and the ogre's mansion for him-

As the harp is left lying around the stage for anybody to swipe, there is some doubt about this last bit of avarice. But it turns out to be one of the many loose ends in Matyelok Gibbs's production, which presents the stalk-climbing like a bungled rope-trick, and polishes off the ogre and his blameless wife in a moment of benighted confu-sion. The show has some good jokes, and effective audience participation, but it does not live up to the ritle.

Concertgebouw Piano

Stanley Sadie

slow introduction cunningly

sounds too much like invented

passionate, almost exotic. The finale again seems to fall back

heavily on device, like left-hand pizzicato strumming and bounc-

ing bows (both col legno and

the normal way up); at the end

it partakes, not altogether con-vincingly, of a folky pentatonic flavour. The work holds

together well enough, once past

the opening non-movement, but

also more like live music: cheer-

wrong notes. But fortissimo never lacked strength, and there was highly strung tension in his Joan Chissell

Though Tchaikovsky himself once conducted his B flat minor concern at a Philhamania concern at a Philhaman

often ton loud, and not always ready for his darting impulse. The finale's main theme was piquantly accentuated, tempo changes were finely integrated, and except in that frontal assoult on the octaves before response to the bravura, the the coda Mr Curzon suggested

curial, but the orchestra was

what lies ahead; only, unfortu-nately, the ensuing Presto is a mere flourish, about one minute ful and energetic, rather thinly composed (much of the string writing is in bare octaves), not long.
The Adagio which follows is always strong on continuity or discriminating in its material. good deal more arresting: an hut with a certain naturalness arch-shaped movement at whose high point the music flowers and impulse. into intense roulades for the violin, densely built from motivic material and supported by rich textures. The effect is Mahler's quartet movement

written when he was 16, had its second South Bank outing within four days; these players did it rather soberly, I thought, without much youth ful excitement, and they let it sag in its rhythmically square passages. The music is often Brahmsian, and surprisingly dense in its use of motif al-though the motif is never harnessed to propel the music forward. Finally real Brahms, the C minor quartet: a slightly under-characterized reading, wanting something in breadth The other modern piece, a and intensity and inwardness, quartet written in 1956 by and missing some significant Giulio Viozzi, is slighter but is points; but it was assured and and intensity and inwardness smooth, and not without vitality.

> control and was really enjoying himself. But it was sad he used the score: in this kind of music it inevitably stands between player and audience.

Deputizing at short notice for Bernhard Klee, Edward Downes began with Tchaikovsky's rarely Opritchnik overture instead of the promised cen-tenary tributes to Ives. He him-self had the measure of it; the orchestral playing sounded ready but rough. Brahms's first symphony after the interval could have come from a totally different group of musicians, so much more mellow was the tone first movement had its share of that he had nervousness under and rounded the phrasing,

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

Youth 'crumpled' under pressure to plead guilty: new trial ordered

A plea of guilty made by an clients are pleading guilty.

accused after pressure had been Murphy: My client will pleading not guilty. judge to change the plea from not guilty was not a proper plea and the trial which followed was a

The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal by Terry Michael Inns, aged 17, against his conviction for theft at Kingston-on-Thames Crown Court (Judge Ellison). He had been conditionally discharged for 18 months and ordered to pay 115 towards the prosecution costs. Mr Keith Evans and Mr Peter Murphy for the appellant; Mr Leonard Gerber for the Crown. LORD JUSTICE LAWTON said

that the prosecution alleged that on April 19, 1974, a constable saw two youths, the appellant and a friend, climbing over fencing by a railway bridge at New Malden. The appellant was carrying some cable. Both youths ran away when they saw the constable, but they were subsequently caught and

On those facts the prosecution had a strong prima facie case. The trial was fixed for June 26 at Kingston Crown Court sitting at Surbiton before Judge Ellison. The youths were represented by counsel, the appellant by Mr Murnhy.

Murphy.

Before the arraignment the message that he Before the arraignment the judge sent a message that he wanted to see all coursel in his room. A conversation took place about the case, as a result of which Mr Murphy went to see the appellant. He told him what the conversation had been about, but the appellant said that he still wished to plead not guilty. Mr Murphy told the judge and a further conversation took place between him and the judge, after which Mr Murphy again saw the appellant, who said he was not willing to risk being put into custody and would plead guilty. The judge then came into court and the two youths were arraigned.

Judge: I understand there is some doubt as to whether your

Murphy: My client will be pleading not guilty. Judge: What is his defence?

Murphy: He says he was not dishonest, he thought the wire was abandoned.

Judge: This was presumably signalling wire? Counsel for the prosecution:

Judge: If these men are asking the jury to believe that they thought they could just go and take railway property. One of them used to be an employee of the railway. If that is what they are saying, if they are convicted, they will go to detention centre. That is quite certain.
Murphy: I was sceptical myself

when I read the papers, but if you look at the wire—it is in court—it looks as though it could have been abandoned—lots of pieces

just thrown together.

Judge: I was virtually standing counsel to the railways for about 20 years at the Bar—I know all about signalling wire. I take a very about signalling wire. I take a very dim view indeed of going on to railway property and stealing things. If they are convicted they will be going away. If they plead now, I may be able to take a more lenient course—I may be able to implement recommendations in the social enquiry reports.

That conversation between the judge and Mr Murphy led to Mr Murphy's first talk with the appellant. When Mr Murphy returned to the judge's room to say that

lant. When Mr Murphy returned to the judge's room to say that the appellant still pleaded not guilty he asked for trial before another judge. The judge refused the request. Mr Murphy again saw his client, who said that he was not prepared to risk being put

which Mr Murphy again saw the appellant, who said he was not willing to risk being put into custody and would plead guilty. The judge then came into court and the two youths were arraigned and both pleaded guilty. Both were conditionally discharged.

Mr Murphy as discharged about the full form of the conversations between what had happened. When he went hack to the Temple he made a more general conversation than that recorded by Mr Murphy and that he had not intended to

Regina v Inns

Before Lord Justice Lawton, Mr
Justice Mocatta and Mr Justice

Judge: I understand there is

threaten the appellant but that he had been thinking aloud.

Their Lordshins were not there

Their Lordships were not there to decide the credibility of the witnesses to that incident. It was most unfortunate occurrence had ever happened. It was to be hoped that that kind of interview between a judge and counsel would not take place again, There were occasions on which a judge were occasions on which a judge could intimate what a sentence was likely to be in any event. It was clear in the present case that when Mr Murphy went to the appellant and told him what would happen if he persisted in his plea of not guilty be crumpled and took the view that it was not worth the risk.

free choice as to his plea. The whole basis of a plea on arraignment was that an accused freely said in open court what he was going to do. If a plea of guilty was made under pressure it was not a free plea and all that followed was a nullity.

lowed was a nullity.

His Lordship considered DPP v Shamon (The Times, June 19: [1974] 3 WLR 155), in which an accused pleaded gully and his co-accused pleaded gully and his co-accused pleaded not guilty and was acquitted. The point arose whether there was a proper plea of gully. The House of Lords said that when a man pleaded gully he could not bring himself within the grounds of appeal in section 2 of the Criminal Appeal Act, 1968 [which includes a plea of material irregularity in the court accepted that. But the problem arose in the present case whether what was said in Shamon's case applied where there was no free plea and a plea made under threats.

That principle did not apply in

That principle did not apply in a case like the present. But there were residual powers which could be used to order a new trial. Those be used to order a new trial. Those powers were expressly reserved in the schedule to the 1968 Act. Those powers could only be used where a conviction was a nullity, as in the present case and a retrial was ordered. The court had no hesitation in quashing the conviction and ordering a new trial. Solicitors: Shephard & Co, Walton-on-Thames; Solicitor Metropolitan Police.

Britain's charities are being slowly crushed between the jaws of a financial vice—on one side they are being pressed by fast increasing costs, and on the other by a fall-off in donations. In the past few weeks there has been

a string of announcements about cutbacks and economies by such organiza-tions as Oxfam, the National Council for One Parent Families, Dr Barnardo's and the National Council for Civil Liberties.

Inflation, the slump on the stock market and other financial problems have affected the charities with varying force, but for most there is the prospect of a bleak Christmas, and a far from prosperous new year.

The blame for the charities' emptying coffers has been placed on rising salary bills, the imposition of VAT, higher postal and telephone charges, rising oil prices, increased building costs, bigger food bills, higher electricity charges—the list is almost endless.
But the real strain on the finances of
the charities is caused by the failure of donations to keep pace with these increases. The incomes of some organizations are actually less than last year, and in real money terms that means an enormous drop.

Contributions from the man in the street have been holding up fairly well, but charities dependent on business batten down in the face of inflationary winds

Charities

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has damaged their own financial posi-tions and it has hit the investors and charitable trusts who normally aid the

Some organizations, like The Save the Children Fund and Dr Barnardo's, withdrew a good deal of their money from the stock exchange before the situation deteriorated seriously, but others were

At a time when they need to draw on their reserves, the charities have found that those reserves have diminished alarmingly; in the case of the Spastics Society the value of their investments has been cut by a half in the past 18

While inflation has been affecting every organization in the country, the charries have been labouring under extra impositions. VAT has provided a considerable burden for many, and the charities are still campaigning hard for vero-rating.
Several societies are worried about

the effects of the new capital transfer tax and wealth tax on legacies and other charitable gifts.

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contributions have found that money from this source is beginning to dwindle. Charitable donations cannot be given high priority when the very existence of many companies is at stake.

The slump in the stock market has had a dual effect on the charities: it has damaged their own financial positives.

The recent court decision that an Oxfam shop in Birmingham is liable for rates is likely to cost Oxfam alone another £100,000 a year. An appeal against the decision should go to the House of Lords next month. Since even the temporary shops selling charity Chrismas cards have to pay rates, a favourable decision by the Lords could be prefit many charities.

benefit many charities. The charities are not only suffering from Britain's parlous economic state. Mr Hugh Belshaw, finance director of Oxfam, said the inflation problem was very much worse overseas. In some places they faced increases of 100 or even 200 per cent in the price of food

Most organizations are at present trying to economize on staff and on administrative costs, but most try constantly to keep such costs pared to the bone, and thus there is often little room

for savings.
While the charities are trying to ensure that cuts are not made in the help they provide for the needy, many are unwilling to embark on new projects. They are battening down for the storms ahead.

Some are looking to the Government for aid. The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children has appealed for a grant to help meet its expected losses, while other charities, which run homes and hostels, are con-

lucky in that I knew Sir Hermann

Bondi, the great astronomer, and he helped me. I had some empty cottages at my home in Devon and I decided

to set up a one-man university and offer hospitality to people if they would come down and teach me things like relativity. I had crash courses from sidering whether local authorities co take over some of these.

But local council social services already under serious financial processure and the Government is unlike to want to start bailing out ail

In an attempt to establish the serie ness of the charities' position, National Council for Social Service just sent out questionnaires to all leading charities asking about t' financial difficulties. Once the exof the damage wrought by inflation been calculated the Council hopes it be possible to tackle the problems n effectively.

The situation is not yet disastr "It is not at panic level", said The S the Children Fund. "Donations down considerably, but we are despairing."

Nevertheless, the worrying featur the problem is that there is no obverlief in sight. With inflation economic depression continuing. charities cannot expect a Santa to appear in the shape of the gov ment, industry or commerce.

The only answer appears to be all of us to dig deeper in our poo when the begging bowl comes round

Martin Hucke

Befort Lord Justice Stamp, Lord Justice Scarman and Mr Justice Brightman

Brightman

A distribution of surplus assets
made to a shareholder in the
course of a company's liquidation is a "transaction in securities" for the purposes of section 460 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act, 1970; and any tax advantage gained thereby is therefore taxable under that section unless it is shown that the transaction was car-ried out for bona fide commercial reasons or in the ordinary course of making or managing invest-ments, and that it did not have as a main object to enable tax advan-tages to be obtained.

tages to be obtained.
The Court of Appeal dismissed
the taxpayer's appeal from the
decision of Mr Justice Goulding,
who had allowed the Revenue's appeal from the decision of the special commissioners.

Leave was given to appeal to the House of Lords. Mr F. Heyworth-Talbot, QC, and Mr Andrew Potez for the tax-payer; Mr N. C. H. Browne-Wil-kinson, QC, Mr Patrick Medd, QC, and Mr Brian Davemport for the

reading the judgment of the court, guage to have the width that on a said that the appellant owned 75 literal interpretation it clearly had, per cent and the trustees of a family trust the remaining 25 per cent of the share capital of a family company possessing sub-stantial assets representing accumulated and undistributed profits not needed as working capi-tal for the conduct of the company's business.

To extract those assets from the company, the appellant put the company into voluntary liquida-tion. The liquidator sold the company's business to another company controlled by the appel-lant, and after payment of the original company's debts the assets

Chancery Division

Distribution on liquidation taxable agreement previously made be-tween the appellant and the trustees, in the same proportion as

their shareholdings. It was common ground that the appellant had avoided the tax that appending and avoiced the tax that he would have had to pay if the accumulated profits had been distributed as dividends, and that it was a tax advantage of which the immediate cause was the distribution of the assets in the course of the liquidation. The appellant argued that the distribution was not a transaction in securities but an integral part of the process of liquidation.

The House of Lords had con-

The House of Lords had consistently refused to limit the great scope of sections 460 to 468 by judicial interpretation: Parker v IRC ([1966] AC 141) and Greenberg v IRC ([1972] AC 109). The indication in section 467(1) as to the meaning of the term "transaction in securities", although it gave a number of instances not including liquidation, if anything extended the meaning of the term by showing that it included term by showing that it included transactions "relating to" securikinson, QC, Mr Patrick Medd, QC, and Mr Brian Davemport for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE SCARMAN, Parliament really intended its lanbecause Parliament had provided an exemption for those who could show that the transactions were carried out for bona fide commercarried out for bona fine commer-cial reasons or in the ordinary course of making or managing in-vestments and that they did not have as one of their main objects the obtaining of tax advantages.

The appellant argued that the enactment of section 460(2) of the 1970 Act, originally section 25(5) of the Finance Act, 1962, could only be explained on the basis that Parliament's intention in passing the 1960 Finance Act had been to

pany and steps taken therein from the ambit of section 28 thereof, the original of section 460 of the 1970 Act. By providing that a liquidation should not break the chain of causation, the appellant claimed, Parliament showed that a liquidation was not itself a transaction in securities.

But a later enactment could only be used to interpret an earlier one if the earlier one appeared ambiguous: Kirkness v Hudson (1955) AC 696). The earlier provision here was wide but not ambiguous, and the 1962 section was a deeming provision which could have been added for one of a number of reasons, as Lord Rad-cliffe had emphasized in respect of the "deeming" provisions in St Aubyn v Attorney General (1952) AC 15, 53). Also, the draftsman of the 1962 Act had taken care in using the subsection as a clue to the meaning of the earlier Act.

For those reasons the appellant's invitation to construe the earlier provision in the light of the later should be declined. Shares were provision in the light of the later should be declined. Shares were securities (section 467(1) of the 1970 Act; the word "transaction" included a unilateral act (such as the redemption of a debenture in Parker v IRC and the part payment of a price in Greenberg v IRC; and a distribution by a liquidator to shareholders gave effect to the rights attaching to their shares or to an agreed varia-tion of those rights, and thus related to the shares. A distribution of surplus assets to shar holders in the course of a liquid tion was therefore a transaction in securities for section 460(1). That obviated the need to rule on the grounds on which Mr Justice Goulding had decided against the taxpayer, but their Lordships would have agreed with him.

Solicitors: Underwood & Co; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Ronald Duncan was exhausted. He had just come back from a British Council tour of Austria and Switzerland, a fortnight of concentrated effort, sometimes speaking to two universities a day, lecturing on those subjects most dear to him: Poetry in the Theatre, the poetry of his friends T.S. Eliot and Ezra Pound, and readings from his own

It is nearly 20 years since he was involved in the hat trick of three productions running in London at the same time—his verse play. This Way to the Tomb, Benjamin Britten's opera The Rape of Lucretia, for which he wrote the libretto, and The Eagle has Two Heads, a very free translation of Cocteau's play. (Duncan invented the title.

aspects of science, Aztec human sacrifice, Eskimos, the Black Death and Jacques Monod. "This finishes it, but does not complete it—there min't no completion. I have sat, writing it, for about 10 years. In 1960 I was commissioned to write my autobiography. I started to write where I was born, and then I really began to wonder where I came from and who I was. That made me realize how incredibly ignorant I was. I didn't know anything about evolution or biology or astronomy or physics. Struck by my own abysmal ignorance I abandoned literature and Cocteau had called it Azrael.)

Now he has just published parts IV and V of his epic poem Man (The took up science. I began at astronomy, and went on to physics, geology, and a certain amount of chemistry. I was very

the very top brains, like Professor Preston Cloud, of California. "My purpose was to trace the development of man—the only conscious being that we know of in an unconscious universe. I wanted to make some sort of bridge between literature and science, which have been, and are now in apartheid. There is illiteracy on both sides. Literary people can't mend a fuse, and physicists can't write a sentence. This gap used not to exist
—certainly not in the periods of Donne,
Sir Walter Raleigh and Leonardo. Even Goethe discovered a metal. (It's

called Goethe.) I think that sensibility has to be integrated with life. The idea that poetry should be considered as a decoration is nauseating, and most of the poetry that I see today I consider a rather obscure mating call. I also dislike the thought that poetry should be wholly subjective hosannas that nobody can understand-writers getting lost in their own vacuity. It bores me."
"It is not enough to write about of problem, those that are simple, like rates and sewage, and the other kind, how we face old age, loneliness and death. The politician has the immediate view, and the poet has an ultimate view—and what is immediate is always

This may be, and he considers it is. an unfashionable artifude. Not that he cares. "Sing high and aloof, free from the wolf's black maws and the dull ass's hoof" has always been his view, leading to some ferocious literary rows. with Cocteau, with George Devine with whom he founded the English Stage Company in 1955, and with a high proportion of dull asses, as chronicled in his two volumes of immensely entertaining autobiography, All Men are Islands, and How to Make Enemies. The third volume will be published next year. "It's probably a waste of time", he says, in doom-laden tones. "You set out thinking you are going to try to find yourself, and you don't. You think you are going to understand other people, and you don't It's an uncomfortable experience." The book may be called *The Precarious Garden.* "Virginia Maskell, a friend of mine, made a little garden on top of a bank, and it fell off." That is as much as he will disclose of a tragic story which, at the end of the last book, he confessed that he had not the strength or courage to

What of Ronald Duncan, the playwright? "The theatre dropped me years ago. I am considered as relevant to the theatre as a dinosaur would be. The National Theatre has never done a play of Eliot's, and has never asked me to

do one. I'd be very interested, h feel I'm not sufficiently of the political spectrum (that's not to that I'm of the right, I have no pol I hate these caregories). But I (want to write plays about problems are simple, and I certainly don't to write plays either erotic or pr graphic. I find sex too important.

He lives on his farm in Devon. have always maintained that if a ser writer is to be free, he must ha few acres. He can then say wha wants to, and to hell with everyt Otherwise you may find yourself wing for the BBC." For 14 year: wrote a countryman's column, Journal, for Lord Beaverbrook, w he admired enormously.

He is 60 this year, though his ha without grey. Many of his grefriends, the people who influenced life, such as Gandhi, T. S. Eliot, Pound, are dead. "But that do mean that you can't converse them, or communicate with them." volume of his fables for children, Tale of Tails, illustrated by Bratby, will shortly be published limited and beautiful edition, by Elephant Press. He still has p to write about. "I say this wi certain amount of trepidation. older you get, the more you re that there are more ideas there you could ever attempt.

Mon is an affirmation of the task in life, as he sees it.
"I speak in the first person because I am the only person I kn —which at least explains my conte And because consciousness is al singular, never plural.

He feels that life is beco obsessed with money, creed violence. And speaking of a seof the poem called "Auschwitz' says "I am afraid that people forget it. If you put Rembrandt at axis, you have to put Auschwit the other—the limit must lie s where between, but you can't t have one without the other. Rembi and Schubert, Belsen and Katyu-the things that are going on in U It is not that we are an irreligious but we have become absolutely ce that we worship man, which is the wind of heresy, self-idolary."
Writing, as Mr Duncan believe

always for a minority. ("That are ever been liked by the people imy view, a fallacy. Art has existe spite of the people.") The writer no savings, no pension, no capital. can a young writer possibly suc today? "The man of letters is al extinct-there must be half a doze us left, and there won't be any n There can't be."

Home he goes to Devon, to rener strength, like Antaeus, from countryside he loves. And "I plant trees, which seems to be thing that gives me the most please

Philippa Toor

DUDO

Validation of disposition in winding up

zaidate a disposition. His Lord-ship so held on a motion by Mr Raymond Glen McAllister, a direc-tor of Argentum Reductions (UK) Ltd. Mrs Jean Louise McAllister, a shareholder, and the company for an order that payments made out of the company's account all Barclays Bank Ltd, Ludlow, for

Barclays Bank Ltd, Lindlow, for the purpose of paying the com-pany's debts incurred after the date of the petition in the ordinary course of business should not be avoided by virtue of section 227, avoided by virtue of section 227, and made the order sought.
Section 227 provides: "In a winding up by the court, any disposition of the property of the company, including things in action, and any transfer of shares, or alteration in the status of the company and any transfer of shares, or alteration in the status of the company and the company of the compa

or alteration in the status of the members of the company, made after the commencement of the winding up, shall, unless the court otherwise orders, be void."

Mr. N. F. Mertiman for the applicants; Mr Robin Potts for the respondents, Mr and Mrs Glyn Lohn Jenberg. John Jenkins.
HIS LORDSHIP said that there

were 95 A shares in the company, 48 owned by Mrs McAllister and 47 by Mrs Jenkins. The A shares carried votes, whereas the remainshares, carried no votes and were B shares, carried no votes and were owned by a woman who did not come into the matter. The two directors of the company were Mr McAllister and Mr Jenkius, the respective husbands of the shareholders. The company's business consisted of, in the main, extracting silver from waste photographic

There was deadlock on the board of the company, with each shareholder supporting her own husband. On November 8 Mrs Jenkins presented a contributory's petition to wind up the company On December 4 notice of motion was given, expressed to be given on behalf of Mr McAllister, Mrs McAllister and the company.
For Mr and Mrs Jenkins, Mr Potts took the preliminary objec-tion that none of thoes for whom Mr Merriman appeared had any locus standi to make the application, so that the motion must fail. If that objection failed, then it was accepted that, subject to the overriding discretion of the court. an order should be made over December 16, when the matter

In re Argentum Reductions
(UK) Ltd

Refore Mr Justice Megarry
[Judgment delivered December 11]
A shareholder has a sufficient
locus standi in a winding up to
make an application under section
227 of the Companies Act. 1943, to
validate a disposition. His Lordship so held on a motion by Mr
Raymond Glen McAllister, a director of Argentum Reductions (UK)
Ltd, Mrs Jean Louise McAllister, as shareholder, and the company

would come before the court
again; and the terms of the order
had been agreed. The one question
was, thus, that of locus standi.
There was no direct authority on the point. So far as the company was concerned, the question
was not strictly one of locus standi for it was accepted on all hands
that the company might apply
under the section. The question
was really one of authority; Mr
Potts contended that Mr Merriman
had no authority to make any and no authority to make any application in the company's name. But before deciding the point his Lordship would turn to Mrs McAllister's position.

Mr Potts contended that where mer rous contended that where the petition for winding up the company was brought by a con-tributory and not by a creditor, the only proper applicants under section 227 were either the com-pany itself, or the other party to the transaction in other party to the transaction in question, or someone claiming a proprietary interest under him. Thus, if the company sold property to a pur-chaser who then mortgaged it, Mr Potts accepted that the pur-chaser and the mortgagee could both apply under the section. But he contended that a shareholder in the company, as such, had no such right.

He subsequently accepted, however, that a shareholder could apply under the section in relation to a transfer of shares, or alteration in the status of the members of the company, but not in relation to any disposition of company property. He agreed that, on the face of the section, there was no restriction on those who could apply, but contended that the restriction which he urged was implicit. He emphasized that where there was a deadlock those con-cerned could seek the appointment of a provisional liquidator. He offered to concur in such an appointment saying that it would be wrong for one of the factions in a deadlock to be given the benefits of an order under section 227 when, instead, that faction

should be seeking the appointment of a provisional liquidator. Returning to the section his Lordship thought that the statutory material was exiguous. There were simply the words "unless the court otherwise ordered", set in their context. The affairs of com-pames were almost infinitely various, and where the legislation had refrained from putting any express limit on those who might seek an order from the court, his Lordship would be slow to attempt to spell out any implied limit

which reached beyond the ordinary limits imposed by the courts on almost any application, namely, that the applicant must have some discernible interest in the matter. discernible interest in the matter. Furthermore, the section itself rendered void three separate classes of transaction: (a) "any disposition of the property of the company, including things in action"; (b) "any transfer of shares"; and (c) any "alteration in the status of the members of the company". It was plain as Mr company". It was plain, as Mr Potts accepted, that if a member of the company wished to apply in respect of (b) or (c), he might do so: in such a case the words "unless the court otherwise orders" embraced the share-holder. Yet, if the member wished to apply in respect of (a), Mr Potts contended that the self-same words "unless the court otherwise orders" would not include the

His Lordship could not see why they should not. To a majority shareholder, it might be a matter of great concern, as closely affect-ing the value of his shares, that certain transactions should be saved from being invalidated. True, the shareholder as such would normally be no party to the trans-action, and so it could be said that his interest in validating the transaction was only indirect, yet an indirect interest might be of great value and importance. Why should a person with an interest to protect, even if it was indirect, driven from the court where neither the Act nor the rules gave any indication that they should be excluded? Furthermore, his Lord-ship did not see why, in companies where there was a state of poten-tial deadlock, it should be open to one of the factions, by making the potential deadlock actual, to render it impossible for an application to validate a disposition under section 227 to be made except by the other party to that

Accordingly, in his Lordship's judgment a shareholder had a sufficient locus standi to make an application under section 227 to validate a disposition. Mr Potts's preliminary point accordingly failed as regards Mrs McAllister. It was not necessary to decide whether, on the facts, the applicawhether, on the facts, the application by the company was validly
made. Nor was it necessary to
decide whether Mr McAllister,
who was merely a director, had a
sufficient locus standi.
Solicitors: Prentis, Seagrove &
Co for Cove & Co, Birmingham;
Hancock & Willis for Wragge &
Co Rirmingham.

Another attempt to tell parents about school powers

Rebel Press, Welcombe, Bideford). It

must be the only epic poem illustrated

by a photomicrograph of Eucaryotic cells, and with a bibliography covering

the rights of parents and the responsibilities of schools is to be given free to at least 12,000 Haringey families today. It is the most recent in a long line of well meaning, but often largely unsuccessful attempts local authority pamphlets, copies of Where (the magazine put out by the Advisory Centre for Education), and countless paperback books—to give parents a real idea of the limits of school powers, and the sort of openings and cash benefits that exist within the state school system.

An A to Z of Education in Haringey was put together by eight members of HAASE (the Saringey branch of the Confederation for the Advancement of State Education). Most of them are parents of children at local schools, and they started from a feeling that it is scanda-lous that so little information about schools even tries to reach all parents of the children at them, and that when it does it is too often obscured by jargon.

Taking a lesson from the grey and unread official documents they decided that the booklet would also have to be able to compete with magazines, so it is cieverly and professionally put together, and illustrated by cartoons. The result is a document which deals with everything from school meals to discipline, governors to uniform, in question and answer form,

answers starting with "it depends" since one of their main concerns was to furnish parents with the actual name of the office or department responsible in every contingency.
"Once at school, does a child have to attend full time?" and "Can adults get help with reading and writing?" are examples of the sort of questions they deal

The editors always saw the booklet as a lost cause if it was doomed only to be sold in bookshops. So when, early on, the Haringey Education Authority offered to pay for the printing of enough copies for each family within the borough to receive one free, the editors were relieved. Haringey has also pro-vided relevant addresses and contacts.

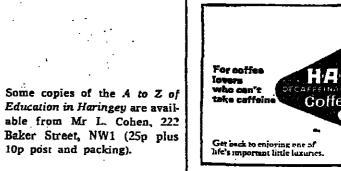
Local response to the document has in fact been so good that when schools were circufor exact numbers of copies needed a very ruch higher figure than the original estimate was returned— teachers and council employees have been among the first to ask for it-

The homework for a guide of this kind has now been done. Since most of the answers in the book are true for education all around the country, it would

A concise, clear and very un- and though most of it sticks to presumably take very little for Some copies of the A to Z of entries on the law, child care adapt the addresses and details and playgroups. The authors for local use—probably no more have tried hard to eliminate any than a morning's work for a than a morning's work for a senior official. And the cost of production, at 10p a copy, is low. Another editor might also feel it worth while to play down the rather too clever pictures. and elaborate on the very brief answers.

Local parents who have seen the A to Z are also enthusiastic about it. But many of them are possibly the very people who belong to ACE, read the paperbacks, and know most of their own rights anyway. The ques-tion is now whether the booklet will appeal to parents who are wary of schools and the educational system. Tony Lenney, schools officer for Haringey, says that he is waiting to see whether the bookler produces more requests from the many people he believes to e entitled to free meals and allowances, and who are nor now taking them up. "It may be that this civilized, wirty, in-formative document is still not right, and that it would be better to concentrate more simply on issues like welfare benefits", he says. It would be a pity though if it was nor widely looked at, since the information it contains provides valuable background and ammu-

nition for any parents venturing into the teachers' world. Caroline Moorehead

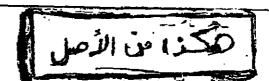




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How to Splurge on Christmas Luxuries Without Going Crackers or Bust

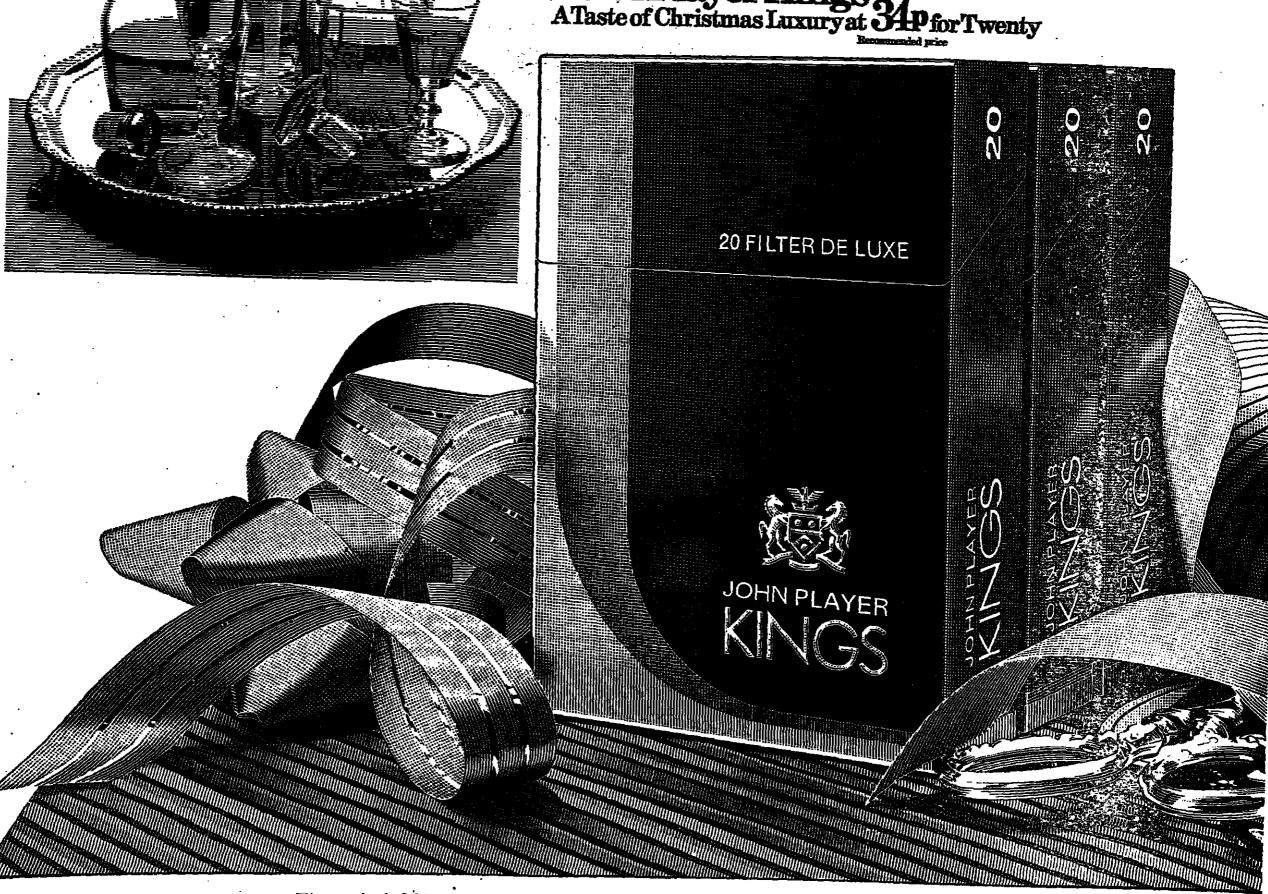
1. Spend Christmas week on Easter Island. Getting there could be expensive. But, once you've arrived, a ten-course, roast-suckling-pig dinner might cost you a bucket-full of mollusc shells, service not included.

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PARLIAMENT, December 12, 1974_____

Lord Chief Justice links use of guns with end of hanging

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Donald Coggan, was intro-

LORD HUNT, opening a debate on capital punishment as a means of combating terrorism, said he had expressed grave doubts in an earlier debate on the wisdom of reintroducing the death penalty in this connexion but had added that could be persuaded otherwise èv evidence. He had also said in a letter to The Times earlier that he expected the time might come and circumstances could arise in which the reintroduction of the de-th penalty for terrorism might become inevitable, but that it had

y no means arrived yet. They were all resolved to support the Government in any turther security measures necessary. All shared the sympathy with the innocent victims of bombings and the anger of people in Birming-ham. Guildford. London and other cities about these bestial deeds. too, of the differences amounting to a conflict of convictions which

were strongly held.
Despite the increases in muder since the death penalty was experi-mentally suspended in 1955 there was no conclusive evidence that those murdering during robbertes. for instance, had been encouraged to do so by the absence of the death penalty.

In most people the said there is an element of ideological fanat-icism and a kind of courage in regard to their own fare which makes them about as dangerous as those killers who are mentally Capital punishment as a means

of combating terrorism would in practical terms be ineffective and in political terms highly inexpe-dient. Morally it would be wrong. The LORD CHANCELLOR said suriety diminished itself whenever it took the life of a prisoner in captivity. There was a desperate need to restore respect for human life: a need to foster a deep reverence for it. Restoring the death penalty would not increase

LORD HAILSHAM of ST MARYLEBONE said the public must accept that if the death penalty were restored for terrorist crimes one could expect an escalation of terrorism in the immediate aftermath. Hostages might be taken and murdered in revenge. Prominent people, perhaps includ-ing members of the Royal Family. might be threatened or actually

attacked.

But by depriving the courts of the death penalty Parliament had put a premium on killing. The one argument against the death penalty which weighed with him was that it was a norrble and degrading thing. But it was the lesser of two evils. The indiscriminate slaughter of unnocent victims for political ends must stop, and nothing could exercise a more powerful influence in the minds of potential criminals than the death penalty. They had not scrupled to inflict it on some of their defeated enemies, war criminals of the last war, sometimes

for crimes less serious than these.

of his family was in the club which had been bombed. Mercifully she was unharmed, otherwise he would have been among the parents mourning their children.

LORD WIGODER (L) said the death penalty was a squalid perfor-mance which debased all who took part in it, and that meant the whole of society. It degraded the standard of civilization. However, he did not regard that as an over-whelming reason why in no concircumstances capital punishment should be restored. But it was an overwhelming reason

for saying the burden rested heav-ily on those who advocated restoration to prove beyond doubt the officiency of what they were advo-Capital punishment for terrorists

the said) is singularly unlikely to deter any of the outrages we have seen and it is only likely to lead to an escalation in which many more innocent people may be harmed. The ARCHBISHOP of CANTER-

BURY said it was perhaps natural that recent incidents of an appall-ing kind should lead in the case of ing is nd should lead in the case of many people to an upsurge of revenge. This was no argument by which a civilized state should be guided. The satisfaction of human wroth by the taking of human lives was an unworthy method of procedure. Panic should not be allowed to the properties. to move rational men and all too easily revenge could prove counter-productive. The final judgment of death, so

terribly irrevocable by its very nature and so degrading to those who had to carry it out, should be left in the hands where the final judgment rested and where forgi-veness could alone be found. Nothing would be gained and much migh: be lost by taking the retro-grade step of re-introducing capital ounishment as a means of combat-

ing terrorism.

LORD WIDGERY, Lord Chief Justice, said his firm belief that capital punishment could act as a deterrent in regard to murder, terrorist or otherwise, was based on the fact that it seemed to him there had been a marked difference since the abolition of the death penalty in the grievous nature and degree of violence used by certain criminals, mainly robbers, against in-

Formerly professional criminals planning to rob a bank by violence would always insist on firearms being left at home. The reason was that in those days if one of them in panic fired and killed all would hand. The deterrent effect of those circumstances on the more respon-sible members of the gang must have been enormous.

Now, not a Friday passed with-out a wage snatch, bank robbery or something of the kind, and firewere exceedingly common. This appalling change in the degree of violence used must be in some way related to the fact that the game was now worth the can-dle whereas previously it was not For serious, premeditated crime, such as acts of terrorism (he said) the only real way we can restore the value of human life is to return to capital punishment.

Complaint of haste on pensions Bill

The Reservoir Bill passed its On the Social Security Amend-ment Bill,

LORD WELLS-PESTELL, Lord in Waiting, moved that the House should not insist on their amendment (which sought to reduce contributions of the self-employed) concerning the self-employed to which the Commons had disagreed. It involved a charge on the public

LORD ABERDARE (C) said the Government's proposal was unfair and discriminatory. The Bill had been rushed through.

LORD CARRINGTON (C)-The Government should be careful about the way they treat the House about the way they treat the House In these circumstances. The Bill has been rushed and we are now asked to deal with this on a day when there are 40 peers wishing to speak on capital punishment. We do not know what the Commons has said. If there are repetitions of this kind perhaps we shall not be so forbearing or patient in future. The House did not insist on their amendment.

Royal Assent

Royal Assent was given to the Church of England Worship and Doctrine Measure and the following Acts: Consolidated Fund (No 4), Social Security Amend-ment, and Torquay Market.

European Parliament

Luxembourg
The Parliament voted on the EEC Budget for 1975, debated earlier in the week. In earlier sessions, the Parliament had carried amendments to the Budget. Most

of these were rejected by the Council of Ministers and MPs were

not seeking to insist upon amend-

lands, L), President of the Parlia-

ment, said that to pass the amend-ments a three-fifths majority of

those voting and a majority of the MPs was needed. In practice this

meant that 92 votes must be cast in favour of an amendment to carry

HERR AIGNER (Germany, C-D)

moved an amendment on behalf of the Budgets Committee to reinsert

in the Budget an item to provide for a Community system of guaranteed incomes for workers during retraining, with a token amount, so that it would be decided in

principle. A Communist amend-ment, in similar terms, was with-

drawn and the amendment carried

He moved a further amendment

to restore an item to cover safety measures for staff on joint Community research. The Commis-

sion had entered in the Budget an item of 2,364,000 units of account

increase for research and develop-ment research, including 1,244,000

ment research, including 1,244,000
u.a. for staff safety.
The amendment said that the
Parliament appreciated that the
Council would wish to
completion of review of the four-

year programme before deciding

by 110 votes to mil.

made to persist in amendments. MR BERKHOUWER (Nether-

$2\frac{1}{2}$ p coin still has useful role to play

cellor of the Exchequer had to withdraw the 2jp coin from circul-

MR SHELDON; Minister of State, Treasury (Ashton under Lyne. Lab)—The position is being State, kept under review. No decision is likely in the immediate future. MR LIPTON-When are the

Government going to make up their mind to phase out this relic of pre-decimilization coinage? If these coins are withdrawn from circulation the Government will make a vast profit as most will not be surrendered in and will be used by people to make trinkets, brace-lets and that sort of thing.

MR SHELDON—I am always interested in ways the Government can make money.

The coin has still a useful though limited role to play, but obviously this matter is going to be looked at again. Feople have made their preference for the continuation of this coin felt and as long as that remains the case, the Government intend to keep this coin in exis-

ence.
MR TEBBIT (Waktham Forest, Chingford, C)—How long, at the present rate of inflation, before the Government have to withdraw the 5p coin because of being of no use in commercial transactions? MR SHELDON—Mr Tebbit is mistaken. This is a useful coin which is used considerably and will

An amendment by Herr Aigner to transfer an additional appropriaton of 13,781,192 u.a. for research and investment was said

to be essential to carry out the multi-annual research programme decided by the Council in May and

June, 1973. The amendment was carried by 109 votes to ml.

Three amendments were tabled to devote 300m u.a. to a regional

HERR AIGNER said, in moving

the first amendment, that political groups were unanimous in believ-ing that the regional fund should

begin this year. If there could be an assurance of a supplementary Budget for this by January, the amendments could be withdrawn.

Commissioner for Community Bud-

gets, said that they had decided

yesterday that a supplementary Budget for this would be tabled in

the early days of January to Coun-cil and Parliament. This would cover a minimum of 300m u.a. for

M PONCELET, French State

Secretary for Economic Affairs and Finance, for the Council of Ministers, agreed that the supplementary Budget should be tabled as soon as possible.

The Christian Democrat group

The Christian Democrat group had tabled an amendment to increase appropriations for feed aid and increased cooperation with developing countries and for payments to private development aid organization for carrying out social projects in the associated states.

M . CLAUDE CHEYSSON,

development fund.

Extra budget for regional

fund coming in January

a reaction by exchange markets

MR RIDLEY (Cirencester and Tewkesbury, C) asked what guarantees the Chancellor of the Exchequer had given on repayment

terms of overseas borrowings, and MR DELL, Paymaster General (Birkenhead, Lab)—The total of overseas borrowings under Treas-ury Guarantee since March 1974 is

680m, at the rates of exchange at the dates of the borrowings. MR RIDLEY—Does not the recent Aramco affair show that people are going more and more to people are going more and more to demand repayment of our overseas borrowings in terms of dollars? This will place a shackle on our future, which we may never be able to discharge in view of the impending weight of debt which the Government must incur.

Will he, therefore, take steps to reduce the rate of overseas borrowing and give an assurance that he will seek on all possible occasions to borrow free of any guaranthe in dollar repayment terms?

MR DELL—I think the foreign exchange markets have reacted in much too alarmist a way about the currency in which payment for oil is to be made to Saudi Arabia. It is not the currency of payment for dil not the currency of payment for oil by the international oil companies that matters so much as the invest-ment policies of the government

It would be wrong to conclude from reports about changes in arrangements with the oil compan-ies operating in Saudi Arabia that the oil producing governments have changed their investment in-

MR SKINNER (Bolsover, Lab)-One reason why there is a great deal of despair in the international trading markers, especially over the pound sterling, is that they can see that not only are we mortgag-ing to some extent North Sea oil but also that it seems apparent, according to latest communiques according to latest communiques from Brussels, that even that amount of oil that has not already been mortgaged is going into the hands of EEC partners.

MR DELL—There is no question of mortgaging North Sea oil. It will remain entirely under the control of the British Government.

Continuing with overseas borrowing

MR HORDERN (Horsham and Crawley, C) asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer what was the total of overseas debt outstanding at the latest convenient date.

MR DELL, Paymaster General—
Government foreign currency debt outstanding at the end of November was \$4,811m—roughly £2,000m at current exchange rates. Other public sector foreign currency debt was \$5,824m (roughly \$2,500m).

MR HORDERN-What is the socalled interest payment due on this enormous burden of debt? How is it affected by the fact that sterling today stands at its lowest rate ever ?

MR DELL—Of course there is a large interest payment outstanding. The foreign borrowing programme was begun by the previous Government for reasons which

has useful

role to play

MR LIPTON (Lambeth, Central, Lab) asked what plans the Chan-

VAT system MR SPRIGGS (St Helens, Lab)

asked how many written represen-rations had been made to the Chan-cellor of the Exchequer by retail and dispensing chemists, and the pharmaceutical industry in partic-ular, about his plans for additional rates of VAT or retail pharmaciers. ular, about his plans for additional rates of VAT on retail pharmacists.

MR BARNETT, Chief Secretary to the Treasury—I have received over 430 written representations from or about, retail pharmacists, concerning the possible introduction of differing rates of VAT. Customs and Excise are studying, in consultation with the representatives of trade bodies, the problems which would arise.

MR CARR (Sutton, Carshalton, C)—While the tax may not be wholly laughter)—does he not admit that

wholly simple—(Labour laughter)—does he not admit that it would be two or three times more complicated if the Government were foolish enough to introduce a multi-rate system? The Opposition would oppose such a statement with all the results of the contract of the contra change with all the power at our command.

MR BARNETT—I am not surprised at what he opposes.

Too alarmist Imperative that terms of social contract on pay be adhered to—Minister

SECTION MR LAMONT (Kingston upon Thames, C) asked whether the Chancellor of the Exchequer was satisfied with the progress of his counter-inflation

MR DELL, Paymaster General (Birkenhead, Lab)—The Chancel-lor of the Exchequer will take whatever steps he considers necess-ary, but it is imperative that the terms of the social contract on pay be adhered to.

MR LAMONT—Many people who are deeply amisous about inflation find it difficult to believe that the Government are taking the question seriously at all. Does he agree with the forecast of the Mational Institute that inflation will be 25 per cent next year, and if he does not agree, will he say precisely why he does not agree with that forecast? MR DELL-I am aware that

many people are deeply anxious and the Government take this pro-blem seriously. No Government has made forecasts of the rate of inflation, and I therefore will not comment on the National Institute forecast. There are many forecasts which cover a range.

So far, most of the people in respect of whom serilements have been made benefited from settlements within the social contract. But, of course, there are important further settlements yet to be made. MR SKINNER (Bolsover, Lab)— Will he accept that it is not just a question of wages alone, if at all?

There is the important consideration of the 2.000m trade defici Common Market with OLL partners, so called. Is not this the problem that is beauting us in and restricting us from doing things we want to do? It is imperative that we concern ourselves with introducing severe import controls and if our Common Market partners do not

Order be approved.

impact of a reorganization of local

government had proved, as the Labour Party had rorecast, expen-

sive and uneconomic. Lastly, cen-tral government had lost all con-trol over actual local authority

He strongly supported a steady

increase in desirable public expenditure, but the increase must

The increase order was designed

to help authorities with the effects of inflation in the current year and the lanest estimate for increases in

was aimed to compensate for the past under-estimation of inflation by authorities when they followed

the advice of the Conservative Government. This £350m was an exceptional extra payment and ir should enable authorities to start

For future years, the Govern-

This year for the first time speci-

fic grants for most highways and transportation expenditure were

replaced by the new transport supplementary grants and all esti-mated local authority spending on

like it, well, tell them to lump it. MR DELL-Our trading deficit has increased not merely with the EEC, but with other perts of western Europe. The main danger in respect of inflation in this country at the moment, although there are other factors, lies in wage settle-ments. Mr Skinner should not ignore that.

SIR JOHN HALL (Wycombe, C)—The movement of world prices and the general trend of likely industrial and economic activity in 1975 gives considerable support to the estimate that inflation will rise by 25 per cent, or even higher, next year. It would be an intoler-able development. So far the Chan-cellor has done nothing that is likely to change that situation.

MR DELL—The Chancellor can not affect the level of commodity prices during next year. That is one important factor.

But I emphasize that as things now are, the most important factor is the level of wage settlements, and that is why I emphasized the importance of adherence to the social contract.

Majority of settlements within the guidelines

MR STANLEY (Tonbridge and Malling, C) asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer what had been the rate of inflation over the last three months expressed on an annual basis.

MR BARNETT, Chief Secretary to the Treasury (Heywood and Royton, Lab)—The increase in the rate of inflation over the three months to October, expressed at an annual rate is 13.4 per cent, MR STANLEY—When the Chancellor made his prediction on Sep-tember 24 that inflation next year would be down to close to 10 per

cent, that was based on the suc-cessful working of the social con-tract. Will be now acknowledge that after nearly nine mouths working of the social contract it has conspicuously failed to bring down inflation to an acceptable rate ?
If it continues at its present rate, there is going to be mounting un-employment, a flight of sterling, and a decline in real living stand-

MR BARNETT—I do not agree with Mr Stanley's gloomy prognostications. The majority of settlements in the last nine months have been inside the social contract guidelines.

MR WILLIAM HAMILTON (Central Fife, Lab)—Will Mr Bar-nett keep on repeating that if we do not get on top of inflation then there must be substantially in-creased unemployment? (Conser-

vative cheers.) Since we are committed to maintaining at all costs an acceptable rate of full employment, will be keep on a this problem to those people who do not seem to understand it? (Renewed Conservative cheers.)

MR BARNETI—I agree with Mr Hamilton. The Government are well aware of the problem and seek to get on top of it and ensure there shall not be unemployment at the levels which some Conservative MPs seem to relish. (Conservative

protests.)
MR CARR, Opposition spokes-man on Treasury matters (Sutton, Carshalton, C)—Can Mr Barnett explain why the rate of inflation has risen from the 8.4 per cent, of which Mr Healey boasted in the which Mr Healey boasted in the election, to the current 13.4 per cent and whether the Government still maintain his public forecast that it would be down to 10 per cent by the end of next year? If not, why not?

Does Mr Barnett realize that if the Government would treat this matter more seriously in puriting

matter more seriously in putting their weight behind the social con-tract, all MPs would give the Gov-ernment their support? MR BARNETT—I find that hard to take from Mr Carr who has not exactly been behind the social con-tract himself, and done nothing but designate it from the begin

ning.
The figure of 8.4 per cent has never been denied. The Prices Commission gave a similar figure.

EEC referendum question will be in legislation

Complications of multi-rate

MR TEBRIT (Waltham Forest, Chingford, C) asked the Prime Minister if the public speech of the Secretary of State for Trade (Mr Shore) in London on November 25 on EEC questions represented Government policy.

MR SHORT, Lord President of the Council—Yes.

MR TEBBIT—Is there agreement between the Secretary of State for Trade and the Prime Minister over whether the questions to be put on the referendum ballot paper will be decided by the Commons or down the road by the Labour Party conference?

MR SHORT—The questions in the referendum, if there is to be a referendum—(Conservative cries of "Oh")—will be in the legislation which will be passed by the

MR JAY (Wandsworth, Batter-sea, North, Lab)—A summit con-ference of the EEC has been held this week and the official communiqué shows that the Government have gone far to surrender the right of veto in EEC decisions and to agree to direct elections to the EEC Parliament by 1978. As neither of these are consistent with the Government's election pledge are we at least to have a statement today on the summit

carefully he will see the Prime Minister reserved our position on all the issues we are renegotiating. The Prime Minister will make a statement on Monday on the summit conference. MR SKINNER (Bolsover, Lab)— In his speech the Secretary of State for Trade referred to the massive

tenfold increase in our trading deficit with the rest of the Common Market since our entry. MR SHORT—There is a crude trade gap with the EEC countries but our exports have considerably improved since 1972. There is a considerable invisible export trade

with Europe.

MR HEATH (Bexley, Sideup, C)—The allegations made by the Secretary of State for Trade, which have been repeated in a different form by Labour MPs, are in no way substantiated by the analysis of his own statistics which appears in his own departmental publication Trade and Industry at the end of October. This shows that the statements made by the Secretary of State are completely unjustified.

It is not very satisfactory that we should have to wait almost a week

should have to wait almost a week for a summit conference statement. Could not the Foreign Secre-

tary make a statement? MR SHORT—The Foreign Secre MR SHORT—He is quite wrong in this. If he reads the document to the House on the conference.

Activities of multinational companies in Community

gory so the amendment sought to restore the 1,244,000 u.s. The fit and support the most imposent to nil.

An amendment by Herr Algner the socialists would abstain. They panies. This said that multinational undertakings had developed on an extraordinary scale, with beneficial effects on productivity, technological progress, and management methods, but that their size, vast liquid assets, and the concentration of their decision-making methods had caused serious problems and dangers for the soluwere in favour of anything to help the Third World but they felt there should be something in re-serve for measures to help Euro-

pean workers.
MR DESCHAMPS (Belgium, C. D) said he could not agree, and a socialist abstention would result in He regretted that two proposals, which were both valid should be linked in this way. The socialists were camouflaging their objection

to the aid.
The President said that as only 66 voted for the amendment, it was not carried. Before the vote on the Budget as a whole, the President said this was an historic moment because the Parliament, as representatives of the people, had fought since the foundation of the Communities for budgetary control.
MR MAIGAARD (Denmark

MR MAIGAARD (Demnark, Comm) said he did not believe the Community to be a suitable organism for international cooperation for a sensible and useful instrument for progress. Other parties holding such views stayed away. They did not, but because they came did not mean they changed their view. He would therefore vote against the Budget.

M SPENALE said that although the Budget did not contain all the items it chould, they would supitems it should, they would sup-port it. Other party leaders expressed their support for the

The Budget was approved by 101 votes to about six, akthoren the numbers voting against were not for Scotland, TriursDAY: District Courts (Scotland) Bill, remaining stages. Education Bill, second reading.

M LEENHARDT (France, Soc)
presented a motion from the Economic and Monetary Affairs
Committee on multinational companies. This said that multinational
undertakings had developed and buyer.

No doubt the British Government did their best to ensure that the price was what it would have been in the course of trade but no government could force a company to pass on the result of exchange

variations, am convinced (he said) that the notorious and rather vindictive action taken in my country against a famous Swiss pharmaceutical company was provoked by the obstinate secrecy that company maintained about its affairs.

SIGNOR SPINELLI, Commissioner for Industrial Delice

slumor for Industrial Policy, said they should not be shocked that profits made in one country were invested in another. To suggest that profits made in one country should be reinvested in only in that country would be to deny the very idea of the multinational.

They should cooperate with other powers, like the United States, to get action at world level. The Commission services were working towards definition of 9,000 multimational companies.

The motion was carried.

C) said one-third of British exports was now by transactions within Next Week

problems and dangers for the solu-tion of which international regul-ations were lacking. This lack was especially so in employment, com-petition, tax obligations, inter-national monetary regulations, and the security of supply of some raw materials.

The motion congratulated the Commission on taking the initiative to try to prevent a develop-objective of the treaties.

It regretted that the Council had

not taken action yet on proposals to eliminate tax obstacles to trans-

frontier mergers submitted to it

five years ago by the Commission.

LORD REAY (United Kingdom,

materials.

Business in the House of Lords will be:

MONDAY: Safety of Sports Grounds
Bill, third reading, Motions on Elections (Welsh Fourns) Regulations,
Paleralo (Foes Amendment) Order, and
Youth Employment Service (Northern
Ireland) Order, Motion to take note of
Developments in the European Comminities White Paper. Develophe quostion on moving the Public Search Room.
TUESDAY: Motion of Army: Air Force
and Navy Discipline Acts (Continuation)
Order, Motion to take note of defence.
WEDNESDAY: Motion to take note of defence.
WEDNESDAY: Debate on the economy
off a motion for the adjournment.
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MONDAY: Debats on defence. Modons
on Army, Air Force and Navy Discripting
Acts (Continuation) Order and Milk
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Prices). Order.
TUESDAY: Finance Bill, second reading.
Debate on EEC document on Community WEDNESDAM for the Enjoyments of a motion for the Motion on BLMC.
THUREDAY: Debene on Developments in European Communities White Paper, Debate on EEC documents on Companies of Community finance and the draft General

spectre of 70 pc rate increases MR CROSLAND, Secretary for transport was considered as rele-Scate for the Environment vant expenditure. (Grimsby, Lab), moved that the Rate Support Grant (No 2) Order (he said) at the expenditure which we can accept far more stringently and Rate Support Grant (Increase) than in the past. We face an excepthan in the past. We race an excep-tionally grave economic situation and local authority spending can no more escape the consequences than can any other form of desir-He said he could now commend to the House a settlement follow-ing negotiations on rate support

next year: attempt to banish

Council spending to be held down

grant which greatly reduced the threat of massive rate increases able spending. next year. Government estimates showed that if they had not taken The Government had finally decided that they should allow for no real growth in spending over the best estimate of this year's showed that it they had not caken exceptional action domestic rates would have gone up on average by 70 per cent and in many cases by 80, 90, 100 per cent and even more. expenditure except for an allow-ance for inescapable commitments. The Government calculated that The prospects were grim because of the general level of inflation.

Local authorities faced the problems caused by past under-rating for inflation and the continuing impact of a representation of local meant a real growth on average of 4 per cent, although not every authority would have such a growth rate and some would have a great deal less if the overall 4 per

> than 4 per cent. The total for relevant expenditure was £8,171m which represented a reduction of over had in the rate of growth of real spending which had occurred in the pa three years.

cent was to be achieved, since in

some areas the inescapable com-mitments would amount to more

bear some reasonable relationship to the general rate of economic growth. In the last three years local amborby spending had gone up faster than they could afford in the present economic plight. It was a per cent in 1972-73 and 1973-74. The Government had decided on a large increase in the Exchequer grant and settled on a grant percentage at 66.5 per cent of relevant expenditure—an unprecedented increase of 6 per cent over last year. That was total Exchequer help of 55,431m. Provided local authorities stuck to what was suggested for and possibly double figures in 1974-75. Growth at that rate could not go on for ever and it was the job of the Government to convince local stuck to what was suggested for their expenditure it banished the pectre of 70 per cent rate inauthorities of these essential facts

Rates would still go up but if, and only if, local authorizes stuck to their side of the bargain, the average increase would be 25 per cent for domestic rates and 20 per cent for non-domestic, with inevitable wardstore around the pay and prices relevant to that order was £1,200m. He proposed to pay gram on that at 60.5 per cent. He also proposed to give on top to local authorities a once-and-for-all payment of a further £350m. It was sized to convensate for the variations around average. The average in Lordon, though, would be substantially higher than the 25 per cent. The amounts in the pound of domestic rate relief which authoricomestic rate relief which authorities were required to give were prescribed by the Secretary of State. This order prescribed 18.5p for all English authorities and 36p for the Welsh authorities. These were big increases over this year. should enable authorities to start 1975-76 without a massive carry over of deficits, although he could not guarantee it would clear the deficit of every local authority. They could not repeat this exceptional payment, but the Government hoped they would have wiped the slate clean and put the authorities in a nosition in tackle next The resources element was designed to help the less endowed authorities whose ratable value per head was below national standards. For the coming year he proposed to increase the national standard to the standard of the standard to the st ratable value per head by £16 to

orities in a position to tackle next year's problems from a sounder base. The needs element of £2.758m was the largest element in the rate support grant. It was intended to compensate local authorities for ment would want to discuss with the local authorities what improve-ments they could make to the whole mechanism of increase variations in their spending needs. so that the net cost per head of providing a similar level of local authority services should be oadly the same in different sorts of area.

Local authorities had asked him to do two irreconcilable things for next year. They urged that he coranomalies of this year's financial arrangements, and also to avoid at all costs a second ve massive distributional change. He had done what he could. distributed on a new, imp formula. But the other half he allocated in proportion to sums which local authorities receiving for the current That would permit a measu change, but keep it within re

able bounds. We shall be helping local orities in growth areas (he sat using more up-to-date popu figures and education units: grant calculations. I shall at helping London by increasir special London weighting [

Authorities in low income tended to spend less in relatitheir needs than other author So he had made a special ance in the calculations, should prevent those autibeing penalized for that. Refuctantly he had decid to earmark a part of the gr compensate for the severe c

spending if its boundaries a ponsibilities had always be they were now. There was basis for sharing out the mo Few authorities would be increase their spending or estimated level. Domestic would go up by 25 per (average anyway. Given the pressure to keep the increase to the minimum, by holding on expenditure, would be at The Government were mined to give a lead to aur in indicating where they ered the cuts in the rate of of services might fall. Local authorities were when the Government said back" while ministers speeches calling on local-ties to spend, Then, the ment lost all credibility. He do everything possible to that that did not happen. To help local authorities their expenditure he had p that they and central gors should institute a joint w local authority staff numb system, with hard and fast for each local authority His aim was to keep down number of staff, which remain roughly constant coming year. He looked forward to at

which they could make fa estimates of spending than For next year (he said authorities must keep a tig on their expenditure. Equal essential that they make a allowance for inflation in their rate. We simply afford a continuation of E sive short-term borrowing local authorities were for this year. We must re-estal principle that current exp

this Parliament. In the mea

this rate support grant

working towards that end.

He welcomed the increa to local authorities but un

Government to take in

Tories want to end rating systen

MR CHANNON (Southend, West, C) said the problem of rates had been altered fundamentally, largely as a result of inflation, and argent action was needed on the domestic rating front.

Next year would see the largest rise in rates in history except pos-sibly for this year. There would be many people paying far more than

There would be no special domestic relief for ratepayers in 1975-76 similar to the relief they had in 1974-75. Did the minister's estimate of an increase of 25 per cent take into account the fact that they were doing away with the special domestic rate relief this

MR CROSLAND-The 25 per cent increase we estimate is an increase of the level of rates after the July relief.

MR CHANNON said the most difficult situation that would arise would be in the London area where

a week on average. The rate in-crease in the spring would be very serious. He had yet to meet anyone who forecasted less than a 40 per cent increase in London and in many boroughs it would be con-siderably more. At a time when Mr Crosland was rightly calling for frugality in the

Mr Foot not to intervene

SIR BERNARD BRAINE (South-East Essex, C) asked the Secretary of State for Employment for a statement about the continuing disruption to rail services in the

in the south-east have again been disrupted today by a 24-hour strike by some signalmen. The travelling public have again been subjected to inconvenience and hardship.

The signalmen concerned are variously reported to be 3eeking a 5 per cent increase in pay and a further 10 per cent responsibility

The National Union of Rail-waymen and British Rail have

hope that the House would support the National Union of Railwaymen in urging the men concerned to return to normal working and bring to an end action which so disrupts services on which so many people, including fellow trade unionists, depend.

Misery

Does not this enarchic situation underline the urgent and compelling accessity for the Government to devise methods of resolving retained pay disputes, particularly those that injure large numbers of

there were other expensive schemes which appeared to be totally untouched by Government economies. What was meant by the

The rate support grant must be looked at in the context of the whole rating system. The Conservative Party believed that the rating system had become so unfair that the ultimate aim must be to

upon them. The nation as had to get its spending p right by dropping costly an ful schemes. This was no time for agance in national or local ment. An opportunity he missed by the Governmensure that no one had more than a 25 per cent next April. The people

in signalmen's dispute

innocent people such as the travelling public? MR FOOT (Ebbw Vale, Lab)-Commuter and other rail services

The strike is wholly unofficial. The National Union of Railwaymen, which negotiates on behalf of all signalmen, has urged the men concerned to work normally and deplored the action being taken.

allowance or a 30 per cent increase over and above the improvements provided by the major restructuring agreement of earlier this year which was accepted by all three railway unions on behalf of all railwayment. railwaymen. ·

male clear that they are not pre-pared to contemplate changes in this agreement, although I under-stand that they are discussing pos-sible changes in the classification of aignalmen's jobs. In these circumstances, I would

SER B. BRAINE—Mr Foot's hope is not enough. He must be aware of the misery and frustration that has been endured by people, principally from Essex over the fast seven weeks, and by hundreds of thousands of travallest today. How does he square vellers today. How does he square that with the social contract? He has powers to intervene. He could ask the Conciliation and Arbitration Services to do so. Why has he not exerted himself?

economies, what was meant by the deferment of land acquisition for planning purposes? Did that mean the land nationalization policy was going ahead or not? They were told there was to be a halt to the recruitment of planning staff. How could that be reconciled with plans for land nationalization?

wherever they lived, wer April. There should be som diate relief next year fo shopkeepers and traders that so many extra burde

MR FOOT—I deplore the great inconvenience which has been caused for many weeks to the traveiling public. I urge as strongly as I can on the signalmen that they should return to work and cease this action, but I do not believe, as it is an mofficial dispute condemned by the print concerned. demned by the union concerned, that it would be right for me or for the Conciliation and Arbitration Services to intervene. I do not believe that would help in produc-ing an end to the dispute. It usight cause larger difficulties.

MR MOONMAN (Basildon, Lab)—The excessive indignation expressed by Mr B. Braine does not help. (Conservative protests.) My constituency is equally involved. constituency is equally involved.

MR FOOT—We looked at the whole position right from the beginning to see what action we could take which might have some reasonable chance, but this is a claim that the differentials are disturbed. That is the claim of the signalmen, but the present structure was determined by the Railway Staff National Tribunal after long study and accepted by all three railway unions.

MR CHANNON (Sombord

MR CHANNON (Southend, West, C)—Excessive indignation is not surprising when people have had to put up with this inconvenience time and time again during these few weeks. There is likely to be further action before Christmes. If he is not prepared to intervene, what are the Government prepared to do?

MR FOOT—I understand the in-dignation and the feelings of the travelling public. But indignation does not mean to say that inter-ference by the Government would end the dispute.

The NUR have facilities within their union for the signalman to raise this question if they wish and that is the best course for the signalmen to take, to raise it inside

the democratic structure of their

union.

MR BAGUER (Sunderland, South, Lab)—Would Mr Root use his influence with the gress not to publicise and glamorize the organization known as the Union of Raikway Signalmen, whose head office apparently is in a council house and the executive committee meets in a fish and chip shop? (Committee)

MR FOOT—The organization is not recognized by Brieish Rail or the NUR, not is it affiliated to the TUC. It is not a regular trade union in any sense. The press can assist in reporting the matters accurately.

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MR SHORT, Lord Presidente Council—The Prime last formally met the chair the British Steel Corporat July 3 when he chaired a 1 of the NEDC. MR SPRIGGS-Since tha

MR SPRIGGS—Since that ing took place Mr Chri Chataway, who has left the varive benches to become a gent of the Tory Party in the media, has used the opportaget at the chairman of the Steel Corporation and in the chairman of the British Corporation has agreed that should be sold on the privatet. (Conservative cheers.) ket. (Conservative cheers.) In view of this undertakin; given by the chairman o: could the Prime Minister to earliest opportunity of rithe chairman with a man rely upon?
MR SHORT—1 saw the

wiew. I make no complaint Mr Chataway who was doi job as an interviewer. Nai nor the Prime Minister agre' what Dr Finniston said. I hade these wiews and is no holds those views and is pe entitled to express them.

MR PARDOE (North Co. L)—When the Prime Minists meets the chairman of the could be ask what are his plant the conservation of energy British Steel industry and p larly whether he recognizes is a mass consumer of ele-and what plans the steel in consumption of that commod MR SHORT—That is a contive suggestion. I will pass it the Secretary of State for En. MR PEYTON (Yeavil, hope Mr Short will be able to the indignation of Mr Sp. 19088 by not think it would be something in his mind to comething in his mind to come the indignation of Mr Sp. 19088 by not think it would be something in his mind to come the succession of Mr Sp. 19088 by not think it would be successful to the successful the successful the successful the successful the successful that the successful t Does he not think it wou seemly on the part of the G ment to take some note c options of Dr Finniston who all has been in a better po all this been an a better pt than him to judge the inadeq of the system of nationalization. MR SHORT—I do not this was suggesting selling it because of its success. I Labour cheers, laughter, a shout of "Back to the benches".)

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benches ".)

year programme details, but the on non-urgent measures, but the HERR AIGNER, for the Budgets staff safety was not in that cate-المكذا من الأصل with views of BSC chairma MR SPRIGGS (St Helen asked when the Prime Mini met the chairman of the Steel Corporation.

mpt to ORT— delication ounties share less money ab bad weather have rate was 17.47, and 15.06 will bate over the state of although state of the s

or meeting of the board was at Lord's yesterday. "This icant drop was due in the to a fall in Test receipts by bad weather", said by had weather", said Lush, the Board's public ons officer. "Countes are concerned about their fin-and ways and means are examined to improve the on", he added.

on", he added, terday's financial statement : that the average county, not g a Test march, will get over less from the Board than in revious year. But a hopeful ik came from the TCCB sec-Donald Carr, who said have a fine fixture list next and given good weather we to get profits back to the if 1972 and 197. pire the financial position,

pre the thancial position, and players will get a rise season. The Test match ree oup to £180 from £160 and es will get an increase of 5 £150. As repurted previthe Gillette and Benson and 5 companies have signed new results contracts, but the ership contracts, but the has not yet completed nego-ts with John Player, sponsors popular Sunday league, son and Hedges prize thas been increased for next i and the winning team will hare \$2,000, a rise of \$500, leater finalists will receive as against \$1,250, the

, as against \$1,250, the semi-finalists \$1,000, up by and the losing quarter-final-90 as opposed to \$500. The of the week award will be \$300, an increase of \$50, hourd again expressed further to improve the ination to improve the rate of the England team. were told that last year it the wicket. 5,20 per hour against India. An exper

nnings wickers standing on cond day of the second Test oday. Vivian Richards made it out as West Indies swept

ia's 220 all out. After the ay tomorrow, India will be

g a rearguard action to oing two down in the five-

series. vite Richards's first Test

of the day's play. His broke the stranglehold of

the sword with a vengeance.

Lloyd's departure, Julien 5 in even time and Boyce (36

whose rate was 17.47, and 15.06 against Pakistan (15.44). Carr said: "Our rate is slower than any other country's, although some of the others are not much better. It is unlikely that a system of fines such as those in country cricket will be introduced, because it could be one-sided by

tricket will be introduced, because it could be one-sided, but we are determined to take some acnon."

The Board also issued instructions to counties to speed up play by every possible means and avoid deliberate time-wasting. Bowlers will be told not to wait for the ball before recognition to their will be told not to wait for the ball before returning to their mark, batsmen must cut out lengthy mid-wicket conferences, and captains ser their field as speedily as possible.

Intimidatory fielding at close point—" the Tony Greig position "—has ben banned in county cricket. From now on no fields.

tion "—has ben banned in county cricket. From now on no fieldsman will be allowed to encroach on the 10-foot wide cut area of the pitch. It is hoped that the Australians will agree to play under this rule in next year's Test matches. motches.
Other decisions were:
Test match grounds: Edgbaston,
Old Trafford, and Trent Bridge

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Pensions: Players' non-contributory scheme will be introduced from January 1, 1975.

Extra time in Test matches:

Play will continue for an extra hour only if it is in progress at 6.30.

Boundaries: Counties should make these as long as possible to a maximum of 90 yards. Laws: Experiments with rule 44, limiting onside fielders to five have been abandoned. In future there will be no limitation on the

legside except that there must be no more than two fielders behind

will be in operation in 1975. The batsman can now be out hit wicket even though he does not play a

Umpires: Peter Ruchford, the former Gloucestershire wicket-keeper and Edwin Smith, the Derbyshire off spin bowler join the first class panel for 1975. They replace G. S. Elliott (retired) and II. Yarnold (deceased).

The test panel, with the exception of Mr Elliott remains unchanged: W. E. Alley, H. G. Bird, W. L. Budd, D. J. Constant, A. E. Fagg, A. Jepson, J. Langridge and G. W. Spencer will officiate in the Prudential World Cup matches with K. E. Palmer as reserve.

Release of overseas players The Board referenced last year's decision that players on tour in England with their country will not be released for their counties until the tour is completed.

Groundsmen: Mr Bernard Flack of Edghaston is the winner of the 1700 Watney Mann county cricket groundsman of the year award. Mr D. Bridle of Bristol wins £50 for grounds staging four to six three-day matches and £25 has been awarded to Mr C. F. Barker of Heal for grounds staging less

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Laws: Experiments with rule 44, limiting onside fielders to five have been abandoned. In future there will be no limitation on the legside except that there must be no more than two fielders behind the wicket.

An experimental hit wicker law interesting the possibility of sending an england under-25 team abroad next winter when no important tour has been fixed.

1976 fixtures: The Test trial will be reintroduced and the touring west indies side invited to play three one-day internationals. In the Benson and Hedges Cup, counties will be split east and west instead of as at present.

oyd humbles the Indian spin attack

Delhi, Dec 12.—West Indies, at over a run a minute, shed a commanding lead of uns over India with three nnings wickers standing on cond day of the second Test oday. Vivian Richards made at out as West Indies swept for seven wickets in reply ia's 220 all out. After the Willert, the 21-year-old slow left-arm bowler, presented a dead bat to all the bowling and resisted for 90 minutes before Prasanna beat his forward stroke and bowled him

y, it was a belligerent 71 in nutes by the West Indian 1 Lloyd which dictated the 2 of the day's play. His Kallicharran was constantly worried by Bedi's flight and accuracy and might have been out more than once. The hour before luncheon brought a meagre 34 runs off 23 overs. None of the batsmen dian spin bowlers
a the time Lloyd came in,
Indies scored 255 runs in,
175 minutes. The onceIndian spin attack of Bedi,
no and Venkataraghavan was
the sweet with a vengeance. off 23 overs. None of the batsmen was prepared to use his feet against the spinners, who kept Kallicharran and Richards on a very tight rein. Just when Kallicharran seemed to be finding his real form, he was out cutting at Bedi.

he was our curing at Bedi.

At 123 for four, West Indies were none too securely placed. But Lloyd showed his aggressive intentions from the start, although he was a little lucky when he swept Bedi and saw the ball pop up

behind the wicket. He inspired Richards to make two spanking off drives off Bedi and Prasanna and the 22-year-old Antiguan swept Prasanna high over square-leg for

In the next over, Lloyd struck Bedi over his bead for six and the run riot was on. The fifty stand for the fifth wicket came in 44 minutes and the hundred was reached in a further 26 minutes.

Test scorecard INDIA: First Innings. 220 (P. Sharm 54; A. M. E. Roberts 3—51). WEST INDIES: First lanings 3. Greenidge, e Engineer.

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-50, 3-73, 4-125, 5-245, 6-248, 7-300.

Cowdrey to play in second **Test**

From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent

Perth, Western Australia, Dec 12 Only three days after arriving in Australia, at the end of a flight that took 47 hours. Colin Cowdrey will definitely play in the second Test match starting here tomorrow. He is one of 12 players from whom England will choose their team, a selection made not so much by the tour committee as by the medical staff.

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Of the 17 cricketers now in the party, Amiss, Edrich, Lever and Hendrick were ruled out by illness or injury. Taylor, the reserve wicketkeeper, is the only one not in the 12 who is fir. Willis will have to have his thigh strapped before playing, having strained it in Brisbane. The last place probably rests between Old and Arnold, with just a chance that both will play and Timus will stand down. This will depend upon the look of the morning.

Today, with the temperature past 100, even the cold water has been running warm. It has been much the liuttest day of the tour, though a cool change is forecast. Cowdrey has had two more fiets, to everyone else's one. He has now had sax in three days, with a wide variety of bowlers, ranging from schoolboys to such old soldiers as Tony Lock, who. at 45, bowled well on Wednesday afternoon.

morning.

afternoon.

That was Cowdrey's view, any way. Lock's view of Cowdrey was equally complimentary. "You nearly got one through the gate there, Locky," one of the other bowlers said: to which Lock gave it as his considered opinion that Cowdrey's defence always was, and still is, a barn door, not a gate. Cowdrey could have done no more than he has to cram. no more than he has to cram two months' practice into three

His position in the order will be fluid. It could be number four if England bat first and get any thing of a start, later than that if he should just have had two days in the field. The idea of putting Rietcher up to number three is being considered, though he is always happier at five. The last time on tour that England had to take the field with the

been made to the "bodyline scries of 1932-33. It was the Australians who, at the time, called it bodyline. The English called it "fast leg theory", which sounded much less offensive. Jardine, the English captain, insisted that the bowling of Larwood and Voce was not aimed at the batsman, but at the leg stump. Kippas, one of the sufferers, said he would accept that argument if the leg stump was 6ft high and 2ft wide.

Certainly, bodyline could be said to have had tactical origins. In 1930 Bradman had devastated the English bowling: 974 runs in the Test matches, average 139. (Larwood four for 292 in three Tests.) What Bradman might do in the next series of Australian pitches, hardly bore thinking about. Desperate measures were needed. They were successful. Bradman's average was kept down to 56 land had to take the field with the only players well enough to put their flannels on was at Bombay in 1964, curiously enough, just before Cowdrey being sent for as a reinforcement. Soon after the start Jim Parks had to take to his bed, which left England to play almost the entire match with 10 men. Had Parks fallen ill half an hour earlier the chances are that hour earlier the chances are that Henry Blofeld, then, as now, a free-lance journalist travelling with the team and a Cambridge Blue, the team and a Cambridge Blue, would have won a cap and a place in cricket history. This time, should someone else fall by the wayside tomorrow, there is an assistant manager, Alau Smith, raring to go and trained to the minute after bowling for many hours in the nets.

We are not yet back to bodyline (though still the highest on either side) and his highest score was 103 not out, in the only Test Australia won.

Jardine maintained then and thereafter that the tactics were within the letter of the law (which was quite true, as the law then stood) and also its spirit (which it is clear from this then stood) and also its spirit (which, it is clear from this distance of time at least, they were not). Those were the lines on which the argument was conducted. Jardine would never have dreamt of saying that he liked to see the Australians hop. Nor would Larwood.

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Oldfield reels away after playing a ball from Larwood into his face at Adelaide. Larwood, as he follows through, shows his concern

The 'fast leg theory' that might have severed the Anglo-Australian link

Larwood, in any case, was a professional playing under orders, but he also published a book in which he defended the tactics, and though it contained some slighting references to the courage of Australian batsmen, his main point was that bodyline was legal and effective. He does not indicate whether he enjoyed bowling it. The general impression ing it. The general impression given by the English defenders of fast leg theory is that they were carrying our a stern duty.

That was a Test series of un-paralleled bitterness. Imagine what would have bappened if Lar-wood had issued a statement after the third Test at Adelaide (when Woodfull and Oldfield were badly hit) saying that he enjoyed hit-ting batsmen! (He certainly did not always do so, as witnessed by the picture of Oldfield's accident

It is not always wise to believe

the structure of the state of t

fast bowlers have liked to project themselves as fiercesome fellows, and if they now feel they may safely do so by word as well as deed, it is a sign of changing attitudes in the game as much as changing tempers.

Inevitably, many references have been made to the "bodyline" series of 1932-33. It was the Australiums who at the time.

-Oldfield had deflected the ball on to his head.) on to his head.)
Imagine what would have happened if Jardine had stated he found it satisfying whenever an Australian batsman was made to wince! Well, a great many things might have happened, possibly up to a severance of the Anglo-Australian link. At any rate, there would have been no more Test cricket in that series.

Autre temps, autre moeurs.

Autre temps, autre moeurs.
Perhaps they were more hypucritical in those days, or perhaps they were just better mannered.
For myself, I feel that unpleasant actions speak louder than unpleasant words, yet can still be made even uglier by them. But I must be careful, in mak-

ing this general reflection, to avoid suggesting that Lillee and Thomson are bodyline bowlers. The word bodyline has recurred The word bodyline has recurred because of the legacy of ill will left by that tour, not because of any real similarity of method. The essence of bodyline was bowling systematically at a 6ft x 2ft leg stump to a packed leg-side field. Jardine believed in one-sided fields. When the ball was new, Larwood and Voce would bowl around the off stump to a crowd of slips and guillies.

of slips and gullies. Once the shine had gone, the field would switch to the leg side, with, usually, five men in the close positions and two in the deep and then the bumpers

begin—not one or two or three to the over, but five or six, regularly. The angriest crowd demonstration of the tour came when, after Woodfull had been hit, jardine for Larwood's next over moved the field to leg. Larwood took 33 wickets in the series, and 18 of them were either bowled or leg-before—which, as jardine points out in his introduction to Larwood's book, suggests he was bowling straight—but that does not take into account the formidable effect of the occasional fast yorker slipped in among a string of bumpers.

bumpers. When I read of Thomson and Lillee bowling five or six bumpers an over, with seven fieldsmen on the leg side, I will believe we are back to bodyline.

I suppose that even by current standards and current law, they still bowl too many: but the side with the fast bowlers always do. This is the common change of Test cricket, and we have to leave it to the unpires to see that they do not exceed a fair allocation. I am a little concerned, writing from far away, that England may waste too much of their bowling energies in trying to make an over-belligerent response, which might be far from their best tactics. But our sage cricket correspondent will tell us

Alan Gibson

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in even time and Boyce is to the in the showed no mercy on the i bowling. In 330 minutes, /est Indians scored 374 for iss of six wickets.

another cool but sunny morn-

orman de Mesquita estimated £15m was spent by n industry on sports spon-p during the financial year 3: The 142 major companies. 3: The 142 major companies, senting approximately twoof that figure, who met in
m yesterday with the Central
il for Physical Recreation,
sed the problems facing
in the light of an estimate
e CCPR that there will be a
recent turndown in sponsor-

Minister for Sport was also ances of Government help, h the Sports Council, to e athletes to gain compen-i for loss of earnings and out-cket expenses. It is also ind to set up bursaries to cover d, both at home and abroad able our athletes to gain ex-uce in the right conditions against the best possible

sition.

British Olympic Association been encouraged by the ter to widen their Olympic it. Mr Howell said that wherevey have, in the past, raised money than was absolutely sary to send each successive to the Olympic Games, they not raised enough to cover raining of the next team over

n-year period.
e main object of the conferfrom the point of view of the
l, was to convince sponsors tus, if necessary, should be uily appraised so that minority participation sports should not ut too hard. In the view of Peter Lawson, general secretof the CCPR, some sports perhaps become a little comperhaps become a little commt in recent years, but with
current economic situation
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Hope nominated to meet Sterling for vacant title

Boxing Correspondent

By Neil Allen
Boxing Correspondent
The new British light-middleweight champion, Maurice Hope,
has been nominated by the British
Boxing Board of Control to meet
Bunny Sterling for the vacant
British middleweight title.
Sterling came from Jamaica to
live here and Hope from Antigua,
and both have completed their 10
years residential qualifications to
hox for a British title. But this
will not be, as it has been claimed,
the first national championship
between two immigrants. In
November, 1973, Des Morrison
from Jamaica beat Joe Tetteh
from Ghana in London for the
light-welterweight title.
The British lightweight title left
vacant by Ken Buchanan of Edinburgh, who defends his European.
championship against Leonard
Tawarez of France, in Paris next
Tuesday, will be decided between
two other Scots, Jim Watt and
Johnny Cheshire, at the Albany
Hotel, Glasgow, on Jamary 27.
I note that in Paris Tawarez, who
has been outpointed twice by
Buchanan, says "he is always the

perfect gentleman in the ring ", which should bring the smile of the tiger to our Kenneth's craggy

face.

The veteran promoter, Jack Solomons, has certainly not lost his old swashbuckling showman-ship. The official signing for the long awaited British and Common-wealth heavyweight champiouship, between Danny McAlinden and Bunny Johnson (another Jamaican challenger), which is scheduled for London's World Sporting Club on January 13, will be staged at the House of Commons next week.

The errors for the unusual

The excuse for the unusual setting seems to be the presentation of cassettes of speeches made by the Prime Midster and Edward Heath at a recent World Sporting dimer to honour the birthday of dinner to honour the birthday of Lord Shinwell. I am not sure that this is what Johnson had in mind when he complained about "half ignored weighing-in ceremonics in some dingy room" but the young man from Kingston, who gave up reading law in order to become a welder and then a boxer, is sure to enjoy his visit to the Mother of Parliaments.

Conteh relinquishes title

John Conteh, the world lightheavyweight boxing champion, has decided to relinquish his British title, his manager, George Francis, said last night. Maxie Smith, aged 31, a former Marine from Stockton,

31, a former Marine from Stockton, had been nominated to meet Conteh for the tile. Mr Francis said: "It is a sad decision, but it is the only one we could come to in the circumstances."

Smith may now be matched with the former champion, Chris Finnegan, for the British championship. Mr Francis said that Conteh did not want to part with the British title because it meant he would not be able to get a third notch on the Lonsdale Belt, which would have made it his own property. "I shall request the Board of Control to make a present of the belt to John in recognition of his world title win". Mr Francis said.

test at the Albert Hall on January Mr Francis explained, and would also have to defend his world title by the end of March. " We would have been prepared to defend the British title after that, but it would not be fair to keep someone waiting about for so long. We think this is fair to boxing, for otherwise the British championship would stagnate, and I believe in keeping boxing going."

In nominating Smith, the Board

In nominating Smith, the Board of Control were undoubtedly attempting to nudge Conten into relinquishing his British title. For, if Conten had gone on with the contest, his world title would automatically have been at stake. This probably would not have been for the sort of purse that Conten can command as world champion.

Golf

Big increase in prizemonev for the Open

A 50 per cent increase in prize money for the Open championship at Carnousie next year was announced by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club yesterday. For three years the total has been £50,000, but in 1975 there will be £75,000 at stake. This makes it the richest golf event staged in Britain, beating the lucrative Carling, Alcan and John Player Carling, Alcan and John Player tournaments of recent times.
The Open champion will collect £7,500, £2,000 more than Gary Player received for winning the title at Lytham this year. Other awards go up in proportion, with the player finishing 18th collecting £1,000, the winners prize in 1959.
All 150 players who tee off in the championship proper will be guaranteed at least £100, also a 50 per cent increase over this year.
The news comes when solf The news comes when golf seems likely, in common with many seems likely, in common with many other sports, to go through a period of recession next year, with several sponsored events missing from the calendar. The details of the full 1975 British and European professional tour will be announced next week by John Jacobs, the tournament director general of the Professional Golfers' Association. Keith MacKenzie, the secretary of the Royal and Ancient, said that "good housekeeping" had made the Open increase possible. "The record crowds at Lytham this year were a help, but we also respect record crowds at Lytham this year were a help, but we also reaped the benefit of going back to a course where an Open had been held before" he said. "Next year, too, there will be increased admission charges."

He said the champiouship committee felt justified in putting up the prices. "The prize money has been held at the same level for the previous three years. Professional golf may be having diffi-

sional golf may be having diffi-culties but the Open is not."





otor racing

Leutemann and Brabham acked by new sponsor

John Blunsden vhile some formula one teams to receive reduced financial king for 1975, the Brabham cing for ganization have secured najor sponsor for the first time the team's 13-year involvement grand neive recine

grand prix racing.

Inder a two-year agreement conded with Martini and Russi, rios Reutemann, of Argentina, oner of three world champion-p races this year, and his axilian teammate. Carlos Pace, il have at their disposal a total five Martini Brabbams, three of five Martini Brabhams, three of uch will travel to all 15 chamuship races, the other two to held back as a test-and-developmen back as a test-and-develop-mt car and as a back-up spare. Two new cars are being, built the team's headquarters in ortey, and three existing cars are ing brought up to 19975 speci-cation, which involves no less

than 142 modifications to the BT44 design seen this year. Among the major changes are a new and shorter nose section, a changed rear wing, a modified cockpit to improve the airflow around the driver, and a new method of attaching the car's rear suspension to the engine. than 142 modifications to the to the engine.

While the team will continue to use the Cosworth Ford V8 engine in the improved BT44 cars, the Brabham chief, Bernard Eccle-Brabham chief, Bernard Ecclestone, has sanctioned his chief designer, Gordon Murray, to produce a completely new chassis, which will carry the designation BT45, to accommodate the 12-cylinder Alfa Romeo engine. The nim is to have this car running and tested by July, which would mean that if it proves fully competitive in trials the new car should appear in the British Grand Prix at Silverstone.

Le Mans 24 hours race puts accent on economy By John Blunsden

The mood of economy consciousness in motor racing is gathering

strength apace. While the Commission Sportive Internationale are dehating whether to restrict the fuel capacity of formula one cars the Automobile Club de Ouest, organizers of the Le Mans 24-hour race, have announced that their event will also place the accent on economy.

accent on economy.

Every car will be required to cover 20 laps of the 8.4-mile circuit between refuelling stops, which will mean that the fastest entries will have to achieve a reduction in fuel consumption of up to 25 per cent compared with their 1974 figures. All cars at Le Mans are restricted in fuel capacity according to their engine size, which means that the potential out-

right winners, with their three-litre engines, can carry just a little over 26 gallons.

The effect of this new rule will mean a general detuning of engines, as well as a determined effort by teams to perfect the aerodynamics of their cars and so create the minimum of drag without loss of stability.

out loss of stability.

In announcing the new regulations, the organizers have advised potential entrants that they will be required to take part in a four-hour race earlier in 1975 in order to demonstrate their capability of running at the required rate of fuel consumption before they will be accepted for the 24-hour race in June. It is possible that the CSI will consider bringing in a change of rule for other long-distance races next year, bringing them into line with the Le Mans economy drive.





Cortina race

Berne, Dec 12.—The result of today's women's World Cup downhill race at Cortina

downhill race at Cortina d'Ampezzo, won by Annemarie

Moser, of Austria, may be invalidated because Austrian skiers wore the new "fish-skin" race suits banned yesterday by the International Ski Federation (FIS), Dr Marc Hodler, FIS president, said here

Dr Hodler said he had asked

race organizing committee the FIS delegate at the race

for reports from the chairman of

about the soits worn by the Austrians, who took five of the first 10 places. He has also asked for

confirmation that a cable he sent

yesterday to Cortina d'Ampezzo announcing the ban on the plastic race suits had been delivered in

FIS banned the suits, designed

to reduce wind resistance, because they said they increased the risk of injury to skiers who fell. Their smooth, slippery material failed to grip the snow and racers were liable to slide along the ground at high speed after a spill.

Dr Hodler told Reuter he had been informed that all teams had

obeyed the ban except the Austrians. Italian racers had turned their plastic suits inside out to conform, because they had no

conform, because they had no spare kit to hand. West German girls did not take part in protest

against the Austrians' use of the

Dr Hodler said no final decision

about today's result could be taken until he had received a report from the FIS technical delegate at

the race, Hilde Schmied-Hofbert, an Austrian official. "But most probably the result cannot stand", he said. "I do not know whether

those racers who wore the suits will be disqualified or whether the

whole race will be declared void, at least as far as the World Cup is concerned."

Dr Hodler said the cable announcing the ban on the suits was sent from FIS headquarters at Rerne at noon yesterday. "It could

Berne at noon yesterday. "It could be that the telegram was not delivered in time, you never know,

with strikes and so on ", he said.
"But some of the teams knew yesterday about the ban."

In perfect conditions of snow and

In perfect conditions of snow and weather, Mrs Moser had covered the 2.3 kilometre (1.4 mile) course with 540 metre vertical drop in 1min 29.45sec. Cindy Nelson, of the United States, was second, 0.47sec behind, and Mrs Moser's compatriot Wiltrud Drexel, third in 1min 30.79sec. The narrowness of Mrs Moser's markin over the American

Moser's margin over the American girl indicated that the Austrian no

longer has the form that took her

John Curry and Gail Keddie, the

British men's and women's indi-

vidual figure skating champions,

head the international team

National Skating Association for

tions are based on the results of the recent British championships,

with one notable exception. Glyn

Jones, who was unable to compete

for the national title as he has not

yet passed his intermediate gold

medal test, has been included as

third string for the men's events.

This is a sensible, if slightly

unusual, decision, for Jones

showed last season that he is a

vounester of sufficient ability to

In 1974 he was sixteenin out of 24 in his first European championship. The size of the team is limited, under International Skating Union rules, by the degree of success each country's skaters achieved in the previous season. Accordingly, Britain can send only 11 to the world championships and 13 to the European. The team is:

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (Co-penhagen, Jamusy 38 to February 1): Alem: J. Curry, K. Cousins, G. Jones Wemen: G. Keddle, Y. Karansch. Reserve, K. Richardson, Dancha; G. Wally and H. Green, W. Minkyel and dell. Reserves, M. Plan and S. Whit-lance.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (Coloredo Springs, March 4 to 8): As for the European event except G. Jones and Y. Kavanagh.

No decision has yet been taken

No decision has yet been taken on whether to send an entry for the pairs events. Colin Taylforth and Linda McCafferty-Myles won the British title earlier in the month, but were clearly below form. They have been asked to skate again before the selectors at a special occasion in January.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Blac Hawks 5, Allenta Flames 2; Los Angelo Kings 4, Torento Maple Leafs 1.

Ice hockey

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Ice skating

for Britain

By Dennis Bird

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Football

Derby may be judged bad losers if they persist with official protest

Derby County are utilikely to have a sympathetic hearing if they pursue their idea of complaining five complaints to support their to the European Football Union case against the referee: (1) his overall poor handling: (2) the decision to award a penalty against their Euefa Cup third round tie in Mostar in Yugoslavia on Wednesday. Indeed, as so many of their own players, supporters and directors accepted that the result, a 5-4 aggregate win for Velez Mostar was a fair reflection of the two legs, there is a distinct danger of Derby appearing to be bad

Their case is that the referee, Charles Corver, from the Nether-lands, failed to composite match ton an acceptable European standard. David Mackay, the Derby County manager, said of the two penalties given to Mostur that neither would have been awarded to his team in similar circum-He sent a telegram to terday saying the club would prob-ably be making a formal complaint.

Dutch-Belgian move to

Amsterdam, Dec 12.—The Netherlands and Belgium today offered to organize jointly the 1978 World Cup tournament if Arzentina should give up their rights to do so. The offer was announced at a lunch meeting of the rest of the party he is having the rest of the party he is having treatment and is doubtful.

For their tie with Mansfield Tiler, the Wigan

that the political and economic situation will make it impossible continue.
FIFA said they had not yet been

informed by the Netherlands and Belgium of their offer to organize the finals. A spokesman said: "We have had no contact from the two national associations.

Today's fixtures Fourth division

Tennis

Lawn Tennis Association to budget for a deficit of at least £10,000

yesterday's annual meeting in

London when the treasurer.

Harry Sargeant, said that this year there was a surplus of £2,956 com-pared with £15,335 for 1973.

He said that a deficit was avoided this year only by the

continued generous help from sponsors who, in addition to put-ting up substantial price money, contributed £38,434 to LTA funds.

There was also a Sports Council grant of £11,556.

The 1973 Wimbledon champion-

and Ilie Nastase of Romania are

almost certain to clash in the semi-final round of the Commer-

cial Union Masters tennis tourna-

ment here. Both players won their

way into Saturday's semi-final with comfortable victories in the third of the preliminary round robin groups today.

Nastase, Masters champion for

provided a surplus of but the surplus from this

year's Wimbledon—which will be shown in the 1975 accounts—had been expected at £75,000. "In the higher admission charges this year, a larger surplus

To encourage younger members

This was stated at

champagne lunch on the flight bacl: home yesterday, the mana-ger and players compiled a list of Todd: (3) allowing the same side to kick off at the start of the game and also at the beginning of the second half (Derby, as it hap-pened); (4) allowing a Velez player to receive treatment off the fleid without permission; (5) not stopping the fire crackers spread-ing smoke across the pitch (which

was already gloomy with mountain mist before the match began). Probably Boulton, the goal-keeper, best summarized Derby's real feelings by saying "We didn't deserve to win but we were cheated in the end." The referee awarded the decisive penalty when the ball hit Todd scemingly on the upper arm and chest. Todd said he could not get out of the way and that was how it appeared at the time from the press box. In fact, Gemmill, the Derby captain, said: "The referee said to me

'I'm sorry, I've got to give the penalty.' That's a diabolical thing for a UEFA referee to say." Mr Mackay will wait until he sees the television film before finally deciding whether to make a formal protest and one hopes that he will reconsider and accept defeat by a team he underesti-nated. The curlous fact that Derby kicked off in both halves without the referee noticing was hardly damning evidence of the official's competence. Mr Mackay admitted: "Velez were superb in the lirst half but they were on the point of collapse in the second. We would have won in extra time." Despite their fine home record,

Velez have surprised themselves by achieving so much in the Uefa Cup in a season when the com-petition is intense and all of Britain's teams have dropped out after having had representatives in the finals for the past uine years. At least Derby were in illustrious company in defeat. Ajax, three nines winners of the European Cnp losing on away goals to Juventus, leaving the Italians and Bornssia Mönchen Gladbach as favourites,

Bishop Auckland forward hurt on eve of big tie

For their tie with Mansfield Town Brian Tiler, the Wigan Athletic manager, will move Gilli-Argentina are going ahead with Athletic manager, the wigan Argentina are going ahead with Athletic manager, will move Gilliplans to hold the next World Cup brand to full back to replace finals and their officials have Sutherland, who was injured in the denied allegations from Europe cup game with Shrewsbury, Jack son, who came on as substitute and scored the winning goal against for the Latin American nation to Shrewsbury, comes into the side continue.

Wigan officials are confidently predicting their biggest crowd for years. Although advance ground nicket sales have been "very disappointing" all stand tickets have long been sold and they expect about 15.000.

The champions, Leeds United, who face the leaders, Stoke City, at Elland Road on Saturday, still have doubts about whether Glies

Rising costs have forced the might have been expected, but it of the council, the meeting passed

must be remembered that prize money was also increased sub-stantially... Mr Sargeant said.

Other expenditure on the tourna-

Sir Carl Aarvold, the president, who was reelected, praised the British Wightman Cup team's vic-

tory in October and said there

the Davis Cup. Commenting on South Africa's final victory by default because the Indians refused to play them. Sir Carl said:

"How sad it will be if our sport becomes some sort of tool of poli-tical policy."

He said that the decline in the number of affiliated clubs in Britain would be carefully con-sidered. "It is in the hands of

LTA budgeting for a deficit of £10,000

ment rose astronomically.

Bishop Auckland have suffered a late setback in their preparations for their second round FA Cup tie with Preston North End on Saturday. Billy Lynn, a forward, has strained his groin in a fall on an icy footpath. Instead of joining the rest of the party he is having treatment and is doubtful.

Both have been training this week, Cooper having recovered from an achilles tendon injury, and Gles a leg strain, and they are to be tested today. McQueen, who has been troubled by a slight hamstring injury for most of the season, had intensive treatment yesterday and is expected to play.

is expected to play. Football League club representatives rejected a proposal for regionalisation of the management committee at a meeting in London yesterday—but the proposal, by Midland League clubs, will almost certainly still be accepted. The proposal was rejected on a legal technicality and after the matter has been referred to lawyers the clubs are likely to accept it by postal vote.

The Midlands clubs suggest a

a change of rule that no person will be eligible for election or re-election in any capacity except as

honorary life vice-president or honorary life councillor after his seventy-fifth birthday. Although there will be a serious decline in the number of major sponsored tournaments next year, little was

said about it at yesterday's meet-

British hard-court championships at Bournemouth and Tony Pickard (Nottinghamshire) asked

for information about next year's event, "if indeed there will be a Bournemouth". he added.
Bryan Buswell (Portsmouth), theirman of the Herd Courts

Committee, said that a date had been decided—May 12 to 19—but

Bryan Buswell (Ports chairman of the Hard

Sponsors have pulled out of the

The Midlands clubs suggest a management committee of ten members including six regional representatives from first and second division clubs. There will also be a president, two vice prisidents and a reppresentative from third and fourth division clubs.

Annemarie Moser (Austria) wearing a triumphant smile and the "fish-skin" suit that may lead to her disqualification. Left, Cindy Nelson (United States), and right, Wiltrud Drexel

to 19 previous victories, regardless of any advantage gained by the "fish-skin" suit. Austrians took four of the first 10 places in the downhill, confirm-ing general expectations, but a big surprise came from the French team, who also had four girls in the top ten.

"I didn't really expect to win", Mrs Moser said after the race. "I was afraid I would do badly in the technically difficult bends at the end of the course and when I saw I only had a slight advantage over Cindy Nelson at the half-way mark I said to myself 'you've lost'."

"I am disappointed". Miss Nelson said, "because I skied much worse today than in practice.

I thought I had a good chance to i thought I had a good chance today but I hit something with my
skis at the start and then I misjudged some of the bends at the
end and found myself out of line."
Switzerland's double Olympic
champion, Marie-Theres Madig,
who was a disappointing 13th,
blamed her performance on the
waxing of her skis. "Our trainers
completely misjudged it and I waxing of her skis. "Our trainer: completely misjudged it and wasn't sliding at all ", she said. RESULT: 1. A. Moser (Austratia) 152.5 sec. 2. C. Nelson (LS.) 1. 11. 29.03 sec. 3. V. Drewel (Austratia) 150.03 sec. 3. V. Drewel (Austratia) 150.61.5 Benjum Schroele (Austratia) 150.61.5 Benjum Rogerer (France: 150.66; 7. Monik Raserer. (Austrat. 150.66; 7. Monik Raserer. (Austrat. 150.69; 8 fubienne Serrat (France: 151.52.7 Ed. Pruli (Austrat. 151.73; 10 Vilchéle Jacot (France: ard E. Cliffor (Canada: 151.81.—Reuter.

Show jumping

Cheerfulness may help the new president

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris

Lord Rupert Nevill, the retiring the Association, told members that president of the British Show jumping has better prospects jumping Association, handed over than many other sports at this the reins at the annual general time because sponsors are not so meeting at the Cafe Royal yesterday to Colonel Harry Llewellyn, who follows the late Colonel (Cry on prizemoney may be introduced if necessary in 1975, and day to Colonel Harry Llewellyn, duced if necessary in 1975, and "Taffy" Walwyn and Colonel Sir Michael Ansell, as the third com.

The days when the annual genpeting rider to hold office. The proposal was seconded by Douglas Bunn, who said: "Harry Lieweilyn is a man of many qualities and his abiding quality is cheerfulness. We shall all be so hard up for the next two was the chi up for the next two years that this is a quality we shall be much in need of."

The stewards for 1975 are Major Derek Allhusen, Lieutenant-Colo-nel F. Beale, G. R. Benbow, John Blakeway, Kenneth Cottell, and Reg Hughes. The election for four members of the executive commitmembers of the executive commit-tee resulted in David Broome heading the poll with 777 votes, followed by Ronnie Massarella with 649, George Hobbs with 647 and Pamela Carruthers with 548. Among the unsuccessful candidates were Colonel Guy Wathen (409), Richard Hartley (329), W. W. Pritchard (188), and E. W. Ward (141).

consequent reduction in attend-ance. Cecil Williams, who origin-ally owned Beau Supreme, sag-gested bigger courses for the regional finals of the National Foxhunter Championships and the future conduct of this competition was discussed at some length. Surprisingly, no one mentioned me professional/amateur situation, for which Colonel Llewellyn, fresh for which Colonel Llewellyn, fresh from the general assembly of the International Equestrian Federation in Brussels, was well prepared. Sadly, one is forced to conclude either that conditions in show jumping are already nearly perfect, or that an appalling apathy has beset the sport.

eral meeting sometimes became a verbal free for all seem to have gone with the elevation to the committee of George Hobbs. This

was reflected in a mass exodus after the official luncheon and a

Rugby Union

Watkins escapes suspension

John Watkins, Gioucester's and Evans are called up for senjand flank forward who was ordered off in the match against Oxford University at Iffiev Road last Saturday week, has been conditionally discharged by the county's disciplinary committee.

Meaning and Evans are called up for senjor duty. Coventry, unbeaten in the last 13 matches, lost the corresponding match two seasons ago by 10—7.

Middlesborough, who lost their unbeaten home record this season.

Meanwhile, Coventry, badly affected by area trial calls, have been forced to make wholesale changes for their match against the Welsh Cup winners, Llanelli, at Coundon Road, tomorrow. With eight of the regular backs unavailable, Barnwell, who is now at Loughborough Colleges, returns to the wing for the first time since last season's knockout final. In addition, Knee, Foulks, Coulthard

senior duty. Coventry, unbeaten in the last 13 matches, lost the cor-responding match two seasons ago by 10—7.
Middlesborough, who lost their

Middlesborough, who lost their unbeaten home record this season to Headingley last weekend, will be without their England stand-iff half. Old, for the visit to Wakefield tomorrow. Old is in the area trial at Leeds. Tindale will switch from full back to take his place, and Graham Brown, home from Edinburgh University, will play at full back. Robinson, the club captain, who had to withdraw from the team last week because of a the team last week because of a knee injury, is still not fit

Two stallions seeking 🐍 pastures new

Ey Michael Phillips Racing Correspondent

There is news of two stallions who are on the move. Hopeful Venture, who has stood on our national stud since the end of his racing days is now destined for Australia. Lorenzaccio, another young stallion is also leaving his present base, the Aston Upthorpe Stud in Berksline, but he is not traveiling far, only a few miles, in fact, to join Sartamer on the Wyld Court Stud which is also in Berkshire. A few weeks ago it was said that Hopeful Venture was about to be exported to Japan, but the deal fell through. Instead, Hopeful Venture has been bought by Keith Freeman and Partners, ecting on behalf of a group of breeders who lave agreed to lease him to Claude and John Haigh for the next five years. Stud in Berkshire, but he is not the next five years.

the next five years.

Hopeful Venture is to be flown to Australia in January and he will stand on their Balcrest Stud, near Adelaide where Coronation Boy, who was also exported from this country by Freeman, stood. Coronation Boy was the leading sire of brood mares in Australia last year. Hopeful Venture will be remembered as the last colt bred by the National Stud in its former capacity to race in the colours of the Queen before the stud sold its mares. Trained by Noel Murless, Hopeful Venture won sown races and Venture won seven races and 583,000 including the Grand Prix de St Cloud and the Hardwicke Stakes, at Royal Ascor. He was by the Queen's stallion. Oriel who died recently. With the departure of Hopeful Venture, the National Stand west only bounds three Cally Stud now only houses three fully effective stallions, Mill Reef, Blakency and its new arrival Habat.

Never Say Die is now long in the tooth and covering only a few mares, and there is a grave doubt about. Tudor Melody's future. Perhaps of more interest on the domestic front is the fact that Lorenzaccio, famous for beating

Nijinsky in the Champion Stak in his heyday is about to more from the Aston Upthorpe Studies Wyld Court Studies I wro recently that the syndicate businessmen who now own to Wyld Court Studies were anxious find a second Stallion to visit find a second stallion to star alongside their new acquisition, it good three-year-old Saritamer. Lorenzaccio they seem to ha found the ideal answer. Their ne

easy by buying a sizable stake the horse who had his first co-of runners this year. By the tia that all the improvements, now the pipeline at Wyld Court, ha heen completed, the syndica whose wealth is derived from a and shipping will have spent St excluding bloodstock. But the ma-ker was predictably depressed ket was predictably depressed London yesterday when Tattersa held yet another sale of shares nominations to stallions. Demai for the best was fairly strong be the bottom has completely fall-out of the middle and low echelons. It seems that it has become a cash crisis. Bargai were to be found but there we no money. There were no marfor guessing that the nomination Reform, the sire of such definatished winners as Polygan and Admetus this year, with the summer of the summ and Adments this year, who accommand the highest office. It was \$2.600 paid by the Move: Pa Stud. The idea is to send the good mare Loose Cover to Refur next year. Nominations to Conaught, High Top and Wel Pageant also made good more but they were in the minority.

Prospects good for racing on Saturday

There will be no racing today. Devon and Exeter, the only meet-ing scheduled, was abandoned yesterday afternoon because of the waterlogged course. The clerk of the course, Mr William Sykes, said: "The course is waterlogged and the stewards had no alternative but to call off racing." Devon and Exeter was the twentieth meeting to be "lost" this National Hunt season because of the weather. The stewards abandoned yesterday's meeting at Uttoxeter after an early inspection. The clerk of the course, John Ford, said: "We had heavy rain throughout the night and we had to abandon owing to the waterlogged state of the

The prospects for tomorrow's three meetings at Ascot, Catterick Bridge and Nottingham are fairly encouraging. Although there has been rain at Catterick Bridge, the clerk of the course, Mr Kit Patter son, said: "Provided we don't get a disaster in the way of a snow storm or something like that, we will be OK." The going is forecast

At Nottingham, no inspection is planned. The going on the steeplechase course is soft, and on the hurdle course, heavy.

At Ascot, the going on both hurdles and steeplechase courses is forecast good to soft. No prob-

lems are foreseen unless the weather worsens.

Bookmakers, the Tote, permit trainers and employees in racing will have more say in the mans will have more say in the mans trainers and employees in racing will have more say in the manas will have more say in the manas will have more say in the manas will have more say in the management and future of the industry. They will all be included in an enlarged Joint Association Liaison Committee, which acts as a general sounding board on problems within the industry. This was decided by a meeting at the Jockey Club headquariers. London, yesterday. The decision came after a discussion between the Racing Policy Committee and various representatives from the industry including trainers, breeders, bookmakers, jockeys and the Tote. At present the Liaison Committee consists of the Stewards of the Jockey Club, their representatives on the Levy Board, representatives on the Race-course Association, the Raceborse Owners' Association, the Raceborse Owners' Association, the Raceborse Owners' Association, the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association and Race-course Security Services.

It was decided to enlarge the Liaison Committee by inviting representatives of the National Association of Bookmakers, the OTte, the Permit Trainers' Association the Point-to-Point Committee, the British Racing Industry Council, when established, and employees in the industry.

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the committee will provide a committee will provide a committee will provide a contain form for discussion involving all sections of the industry. Two of the quarterly meetings will be devoted to the state of the industry and future policy and finance. The other two will consider the day to day running of the sport. of the sport.

STATE OF GOING (official): Cat-tarick Bridge (tomerrow): Good. Nottingham (tomorrow): Steelechase course: Soft. Hurdisc course: Hoavy. Ascot (tomorrow): Good to soft.

Science report

They seek him here, they seek him there By Jim Snow

There is in the profession ranks of jockeys no more vers tile or successful a freelance th: 22-year-old Martin Blackshaw. three days' time he is oft Cagnes-sur-Mer in the south France to ride a Polish-bred 5: year-old, Oskard, on whom he h won two burdle races in Norwa and two steeplechases and one fi race in Sweden. On December . he will also have a mount France for State Hall, a Middl ham trainer, who hopes to win race or two even though he m. not have eight victories as d John Dunlop at Cagnes-sur-Mer vear ago.

Martin Blackshaw's lathe Harry, now training in Middl ham, was a bold and extreme strong flat race jockey, polish in his style and streamling despite his weight. He was also hard man to bear in a close find Martin has inherited his father talents. This season over fear and hurdles in England be h ridden 19 winners, and has extraordinarily high percentage success. Until the jumping seas is over he propose; to ride who wanted at Cagnes-sur-Mer, fly t to Norway, Sweden and Belgium horses trained by Frank Carr at Walter Wharton, for whom i-rides regularly in Britain.

Martin Blackshaw's milage air in 12 months is probably high than that of Lester Piggott at there is certainly no jockey England who mixes to treat effect racing under both rules. effect racing under both rules. None works harder nor takes morisks. In this respect, also, I takes after his father. He has that times been champion jockey or jumps in Norway and twice in Bigium. One Swedish uwner—I Martinson—will have no one eletoride his horses. In Scandinavicountries and in Belgium his reptation rides high for integrity ar skill.

Martin's first winner in Englat seven years ago was Nut Cas owned by the late Clive Grahar and since then he has had near 300 successes, a figure which wou have been much larger if his ring weight had been under in ing weight had been under 9 s. He is a sort of racing ambassado ready to go anywhere, any tim-and to accept any mount. His goo judgment is such that leadir owners in Scandinavia and Be owners in Scandinavia and he given, including Mr Martinson, millionaire, try to book him whet ever he is free. Indeed Mr Martinson will not run his horses i Sweden or in the south of Francif he cannot ger Blackshaw tride.

Ushering in New Year
The Johnnie Walker Hurdit
initiated last January, will agai
be the main event on the openin
day of Ayr's New Year meeting
With £5,000 added, it is the movaluable hurdle race staged i
Scotland and has attracted a
entity of 42. entry of 42.

Rugby League

A stronghold will again be weakened

Melbourne. Dec 12.—The favour that Orantes was able to hold ites John Newcombe of Australia service. Nastase, apparently upset over Australian newspaper re-ports that he had argued with Mexico's Raul Ramirez, after their match on Tuesday, refused to talk to reporters after his match today.

Two matches—Vilas against Parun and Ramirez against Solomon—which were postponed yes-terday because of rain, will now be played tomorrow. The rain gave way to hot sunshine today, though players had to contend with a stiff breeze.

Nastase, Masters champion for the past three years, is top qualifier in the "white" group, and Newcombe is second in the "blue" group. The top two in cach of the two four-man groups go through to the semi-final round. Guillermo Vilas, of Argentina, is certain to be top qualifier in the "blue" group, though be still has a postponed match to play, and Raul Ramirez of Mexico should gain the other semi-final spot from the "white" group.

In today's matches. Newcombe Newcombe, 30-year-old former Wimbledon champion, who lost his first match of the tournament to Vilas, showed his improvement to Vilas, showed his improvement over the past two days in his straight sets victory over the dogged Parun. Although Newcombe was serving and volleying with much more strength and assurance, it was Parun who almost got the first break of the set, in the eighth game. The New Zealander held three advantage points before Newcombe produced an ace to save the game. Newcombe fought back to break Parun's service and lead 5—4, and then held off Parun to take the set in 40 minutes.

Newcombe gained the break

spot from the "white" group.

In today's matches, Newcombe beat Onny Parun, of New Zealand, 6—4, 6—4, Vilas, winner of the 1974 grand prix series, beat Bjorn Borg of Sweden 7—5, 6—1 in the "blue" group, while Nastase beat Harold Solomon of the United States by 6—3, 6—4 and Ramirez defeated Manuel Orantes, of Spaln, 6—3, 6—1 in the "white" group. At the start of the day, Nastase completed his rain-interrupted Newcombe gained the break again in the third game of the second set, and held on to his margin for victory. He said afterwards: "I know more of what I am doing now than I did on the first day. When you haven't played for a while and you are up against someone as good as Vilas, you can't plan ahead. Now I am able to work out what is happening for a couple of points ahead." Newcombe has been beaten by Nastase three out of the four times they have met in the past though they have never tlashed on grass. completed his rain-interrupted match from yesterday, beating Orantes 6—4, 6—2. Nastase was never troubled by Orantes. Although the Spaniard took the first two games in the first set yesterday. Nastase then won four in a row and although he double faulted on a set point, took it easily. He broke Orantes service again in the first same toder and it was not first game today and it was not until the seventh game, after a string of five Nastase victories,

Nastase and Newcombe may meet again by beating Borg. Vilas has now won both of his two matches in the round robin section.

the clubs and their members that the future of lawn tennis lies."

To encourage younger members have news shortly.

Results:

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Urantes (Spain) 6—4, 6—2; J. Newcombe (Anstralia) boat O. Parum (New
Zealand) 6—4, 6—4; I. Nastase
(Romania) beat H. Solomon (US)
6—5, 6—4; G. Vilas (Arpentina) beat
B. Borg (Sweden) 7—5, 6—1; R.
Ramirez (Meskic) beat H. Solomen
(US) 6—3, 6—1.—Reuler.

Perth, Dec 12.—An Indian Davis Cup player, Sashi Menon today became the latest victim of the unseeded Peter McNamara, of unseeded Peter McNamara, of Victoria, in the Western Australia open tennis tournament here.

open tennis tournament here.

McNamara, who previously climinated an American John Andrews, an English junior, Malcolm Robinson, and a West German, Harald Elschenbroich, fought back to dispose of Menon in the quarter-final round. The Indian took the first set comfortably 6—2, but McNamara shrugged off the setback and won the next two sets 6—3, 6—4, to qualify for a semi-final round place against an Australian Davis Cup player Ross Case.

In the Women's singles, Olga Morozova, of the Soviet Union, is the only overseas player in the last four, after her 7—6, 6—3 win over Lesley Hunt of Australia. NEN'S SINGLES: Quarter-final round:
G. Masters (Australia) best G. Rold
(US), 7-6, 6-4: A. Menveul (USSR)
wo R. Glitinan (Australia), scr: P.
McNamars (Australia) best S. Monos
(India), 2-6, 6-3, 6-4; R. Case
(Australia) best M. Anderson (Australia), 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

tralia), 1—6, 6—4, 6—5.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Quarier-final round birs M. Court (Ausipalia) beat site of promindiz (Ausipalia) beat site of promindizione (Crecheslovelia) beat site of pr

Wigan, traditionally a Rugby League stronghold, will be overtaken by Association Football fever for the second time in three weeks tomorrow. Wigan face one of their most important first diviof their most important first divi-sion clashes of the season against Widnes. But their support is likely to be badly depleted by the coun-ter-attraction of Wigan Athletic's FA Cup the against Mansfield Town.

Wigan Athletic had a five-figure

ente for their replay against Shrewsbury Town in the previous round of the FA Cup, and Wigan's lest home Rugby League game against Rochdale attracted only

against Rochdale attracted only 3,500 supporters.

Wigan, despite the lack of support, will be striving to close the gap on St Helens, the first division leaders, who have opened a six-point gap. With St Helens facting the possibility of defeat at home against Warrington, the inform Wigan side will have to be on top form to hold off the challenge of Widnes, who are only one point behind them.

Squash rackets



Mohibullah Khan (Pakistau), right, top seed in the British Amateur squash rackets championships at Wembley, in play when winning his first round match against V. Yorke-Long (GB).

Athletics

Award does not change Foster's routine

Athletics Correspondent If you are Brendan Foster ther you cannot afford to let even BBC television's "sports personality of the year" award change your routine. So early yesterday morn-ing, only a few hours after the ending of Frank Bough's hooray show for the gladiators, Poster was out training in Hyde Park before catching a train back to Gateshead. Tomorrow afternoon the town's recreation organizer has to be in reasonable shape for an 8,000 metres cross-country race there against leading British and continental runners. The event is at 3 pm in front of television cameras and has even distant an attention. and has even drawn an entry from the AAA 800 metres champion. Steven Overt, who say, tongue in cheek: "Foster hasn't got a real finish, that's why he has to kick in the middle of a race." Foster, sadly admitting that his friend David Bedford has had to withdraw with a hamstring injury, is not in the best of condition himself. "I've been injured but we're

self. "I've heen injured but we're not quite sure what the trouble is. Hamstring, back, knee, they're all connected together, aren't frey, like the song used to say. But I'd better finish in the first half a dozen or else I'll be in a lot more

trouble with all my mates up

Rackets

Brothers seeded Nos 1 and 2 in Foster Cup

By Our Rackets Correspondent The brothers, Mark and Paul Nicholls, of Malvern, are the top two seeds for the HK Foster Cup, the schoolboys racket singles championship, which begins at Queen's Club, on Monday, Mark Nicholls holds the trophy, and with his brother, the bolder of the colts' title, also won the doubles championship last season.

Not since the days of the famou Not since the days of the famous Foster family, also of Maivern, of whom six H.K., W.L., B.S., G.N., M.K., and N.J.A., were in winning pairs between 1892 and 1908 have brothers dominated schools rackets to such a degree. There is no precedent for brothers being seeded one and two in the Foster Cup confined to the 16 leading players.

entered for the other two competi-tions, the Renny Cup and the colts championship. The draw for the H.K. Foster Cup, is as follows: THE H.A. FOSTET CUP, IS AS FORIOUS:

FIRST ROUND: M. W. Nicholis (Matvern) V W. A. Hollington (Mailorbury);

P. H. W. Priday (Markorough) V
R. A. J. Myrtic (Winchester); M. I. H.
Perkins (Wellington) V F. C. Satow
(Rughy); C. J. L. Paul (Harrow) V
J. O. D. Orders (Winchester); M. A.
Staff (Harrow) V P. D. M. Greig
(Harrow); W. Ormond (Wellington)

V M. A. Tang (Malvern); K. W. SmilhBingham: (Eton) V A. C. C. Ashford
(Cilfron); M. N. P. Mockridge (Marborough) V P. C. Nicholis (Malvern).

Contraception: A pill for men Two Australian scientists have reversibly sterilized healthy men using a tried and tested combination of two synthetic hormones.

Apart from slight nauses at the start of the trial, none of the volunteers reported any serious side-effects.

The research team, Dr Michael and Dr Maxine Briggs from Alfred Hospital, Melbourne, knew that if men were given anti-gonadotro-phic steroid hormones it would suppress their production of sperm; but they also knew that it could lead to serious side-effects, such as the loss of sexual desire, impotency, or even the acquisition of feminine characteristics. Earlier attempts to avoid those have imposed the those have involved the simul-taneous administration of male hormones, but such exotic com-binations of hormones will need extensive testing upon animals be-fore they can be studied in a large-

scale clinical trial.

With that in mind, they re-With that in mind, they reexamined existing oral hormone
products to see if any combination already approved for sale
could be adapated as a contraceptive. They found that the combination of a female hormone (an
oestrogen) with a male hormone
(an androgen) was being used to
treat men with bone disorders and
as a replacement therapy in the
treatment of "male menopause."

When the researchers examined
two men with a bone condition
known as osteoporosis who had

mode combination for several months, they found that both were sterile. But, although the men had felt slightly ill at the start of the treatment, their livers were func-

treatment, their livers were func-tioning normally (a sign of low toxicity) and neither reported any harmful side-effects.

They thus felt justified in test-ing the combination on five healthy male volunteers. They reasoned that 20 micrograms of the cestrosen (attemplementalis) the oestrogen (ethynyloestradiol) would suppress sperm production while 10 milligrams of the androgen (methylicestosterone) would be enough to maintain the levels of male hormone in the blood at normal levels. So the voluniteers were requested to take a pill containing those amounts twice a day for 24 weeks. Because it is always difficult to assess complaints of lost sexual desire, the men were secretly given a harmless sugar, lactose, for three the oestrogen (ethynyloestradiol) less sugar, lactose, for three weeks before they were given the

weeks before they were given the hormone treatment.

After taking the hormones for nine weeks, four of the five men stopped producing sperm; the fifth needed 15 weeks of treatment. Blood samples taken throughout the trial showed that the scambination was not interthroughout the trial showed that the combination was not inter-fering with liver function. And although some of the volunteers thought that they detected slight variations in their sexual desire, there were as many such reports during the period when they were

taking the lactose placebo; and none of them reported any sector side-effects.

side-effects.

It was a long time, however before the sterilizing effects of the hormones wore off. Not unit the treatment had been stopped for 15 weeks did sperm production begin again and it was nine of 10 months before it was back to normal. In the meantime, from 15 weeks after the hormones were first given until 26 weeks later the technique faced a practical test when the wives of the volunt teers stopped taking their owncontraceptive pills. None of then became pregnant. became pregnant.

The experimental group of only five subjects was small, and the results will have to be verified using a greater number of men But both the hormones of the combination have been in use for about 15 years; ethynyloestradio as a component of a contraceptive pill used by millions of women, and methyltestosterone, among other things, as a notorious hormone aid for female athletes. So there seems no reason why the combination should not be passed for a large-scale clinical trial fairly soon.

By Nature-Times News Scrvice. Source: Nature, December 13 (252, 585; 1974).

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Calendar of sport for 1975 Talendar of sport for 1975 We were the Law at the United British doubt, though a spokesman for the Law at the row that the United British of the Un

th sporting doomwatchers are in all parts of the field just now, ander of fixtures on this page, the its kind in The Times, shows enough that we shall not exactly ved of events in 1975. They are concerned with sport in this but the more important events have been included.

a sponsors are, as they say, reing their commitments, an impory called the Prudential Cup in ce to its underwriters. Although cricketers may affect an air of u, their male counterparts will this as the biggest international n cricket has known. There will be teums, from Australia, England, East Africa, India, New Zealand, n and West Indies. South Africa, se remain outside the International Conference umbrella. The matches played on June 7, 11, 14, 18 and 21,

final at Lord's. her significant innovation for is the holding of the world rowing onships at Nottingham from 21 to 30, with this time two is of men's events, for lightweights eavyweights. For all the unique of Henley in the world of rowing, e not been able to hold the world onships in this country because,

standard requirements, ie, a course of still water 2,000 metres long and accommodating six crews line abreast.

The new course at Holme Pierrepout has

changed all that and the problem nowadays for British rowing is how to correlate the existence of a world championship course with the historical and social importance of Henley, particularly now that a crowded international calendar leaves little room for manoeuvre. For 1975, however, all is settled, with Henley taking its traditional place in July, preceded by another international regatta at Nottingham on June 28 and 29.

Another British "first" will be the newly recognized world show jumping championships in the noble surroundings championships in the noble surroundings of Cardiff Castle in June. A competition there this year, sponsored by Benson and Hedges, proved to be a successful pilot model, though whether the same sponsors, or any others, will come to the support of Cardiff Corporation is not yet known. Followers of Rugby Union are also in clover. With the memory of an outstanding New Zealand team still warm, they can contemplate a home championship spanning January-March, a centenary match in Dublin in April involving all four unions in the British Isles, two close season tours to while away the sunbathing hours and, before the year's end, the Australians back on these shores, playing the first of their international matches at Murray-field and Cardiff. Modern travel leads to modern methods and in the course of three weeks in Australia England are to play Australia twice, on May 24 and June 1, and no sooner will they be winging their way home than the Scots will arrive in New Zealand to play an international

match in Auckland on June 14.

Golf, more than most, is feeling the economic pinch and, at the moment at least, there is no PGA championship or match-play championship in being. The PGA has had a checkered existence and, in spite of a number of sponsors, the last Viyella, it has never been able to attain the stature of, say, the United States equivalent Across the Atlantic the PGA equivalent. Across the Atlantic the FGA is fourth only to the United States Open, the British Open, and the United States Masters in prestige, but here it counts almost for nothing, beyond the prize money, although it has often enough produced a worthy winner. I doubt if it will ever take its due place in the scheme of things unless it can stand on its own tee

things inless it can stand on its own tee peg without a sponsor's name to fudge, and therefore devalue, its title.

The match-play is a television casualty, since sponsorship demands relevision ex-posure and they get little mileage out of, say, A. Jacklin beating A. Scrubber on the 13th green, with all the television paraphernalia installed for a breathtaking finale on the 18th. The latest sponsors,

sport is to tobacco), regarded their stroke-play tournament this year as a vastly more successful operation than the match-play at distant Downfield. It cannot have been entirely due to the appearance of Sam Spead at Fulford.

The tennis calendar we present here is not, alas, as comprehensive as we would have liked, but the changing face of the game has eroded the fixture list in these parts. Wimbledon, of course, survives (and will continue to do so in spite of the foolish threat of a boycott by Billie-Jean King and her heuchwomen if they do not receive prize money equal to the men's) and Paris and Rome might hope to retain their prestige, but for the rest most of the action is in the United States, where young pretenders seek to emulate James Comors and Christine Evert and estab-lished players pound a treadmill in pur-suit of the almigher dollar almost much suit of the almighty dollar almost to point of exhaustion Connors and Laver are to match strong left arms for \$100,000 (nearly £45,000), winner take all, at Las Vegas in February, and efforts are afoot to mount a million dollar tournsment at Houston in the summer. But are they sporting occasions or do they belong, rather, to the world of show business?

Meanwhile, in impoverished Britain, Rothman's have withdrawn from the British hard court championships, so the

Bournemouth tournament must remain in

Tennis Association assures me that the championships will be held, because they must be held. He seemed to think, with the late Senator McCarthy, that their cancellation would be the most unheard of thing he had ever heard of.

For athletes the year will be comparatively quiet, a time for gathering one's strength and perfecting one's technique before the supreme Olympic effort the following year in Montreal. The highlight of the season here will surely be the transfer of the Season between the surely between the season here will surely be the season here will be the season here will surely be the season here will be the season here will be the season her the match against the Soviet Union at Crystal Palace, followed, a few days later, by the meeting organized by the Inter-national Athletes' Club at the same stadium.

Horse racing and motor racing follow raditional patterns but those who race in yachts have a special tithir with the Admiral's Cup series off Cowes in August, culminating in the Fastnet Race, which launches the ocean racers into the Atlantic on August 9.

The new squash centre at Wembley will be busy with competition of the highest level. Three championships are to be held there, the Open, the women's and the amateur, besides a men's match against Pakistan and a women's match against Australia, both unfortunately restricted to amateurs and therefore lacking, among others, the incomparable Heather McKay. Footballers are unable to match this

year's World Cup and will be sustained, at international level, by the long-running European championship. Our two heavyweights, England and Scotland, have already suffered disappointments and will have their work cut out at the back end of the year if they are to survive.

Rugby League, struggling still for public

recognition, in spite of generous television coverage (or perhaps because of it and its irreverent commentator), is trying 2 new format for its principal competition. The World Cup has been scrapped and in its place there will be a World Championship, run on different lines and involving five countries—Australia. New Zealand, France, England and Wales. The first leg will be in the antipodes in June, and the second in Europe in October. In order to establish themselves as order to establish themselves as separate entities for the first time (rather than collectively as Britain) England and Wales are to share a triangular tournament with France at the beginning

of the year. And for those with a taste for the unusual I recommend the world ten-pin bowling championships at Tolworth, on the Kingston-by-pass, October 3-11. But please don't all rush. They can accommodate only 350 spectators—and Teddy Tinling will be among them.

John Hennessy

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letics

Feb 1: British indoor champion-89: Europeau indoor champion-16: International cross-country ionship, Rabat. 1-22: East Germany v Britain (also ania women), Dresden.
-5: Soviet Union v United States,

213 : European Cup semi-final, men, l Palace. 3-19: Women's AAA championships, 1-2: AAA championships, Crystal

: Netherlands v Britain v Hungary . Drachten. 5-17: European Cup finals, Nice. 4-25: Britain v Soviet Union, Crystal 9: International Athletes Club meet-

rystai Palace. 13-14: Britain v Sweden, Edinburgh.

dminton

h 19-22: All-England championships, h 24: England v Japan, Preston. 31-June 6: Uber Cup finals, Jakarta.

sketball

h 28-30: British championships, 10: European Champions' Cup

7-15: European championship, ion A, in Yugoslavia.

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1 7-12: English amateur billiards mionship, Middlesbrough. l 1431: World professional snooker pionship, Australia. I 22-26: English amateur snooker spionship, Hull.

ibsleigh, toboggan 11-12: Heaton Gold Cup, Cresta Run,

foritz. 11-12: European toboggan champion-18-19: Curzon Cup, Cresta Run, St 1-2: Brabazon Trophy, Cresta Run, St itz. 6-7: British bobsleigh championship, Moritz (prov). 1422: World bobsleigh champion-15: Grand National, Cresta Run, St ritz. , 15-16 : World toboggan championships,

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g 11-23: EBA championships, Worthing. g 11-16: English women's championps, Learnington Spa.

oxing

122: Scotland v England, Edinburgh. ay 2: ABA finals, Wembley, ne 1-8: European championships,

anoeing

eb 15-16: British open whitewater chamonships, Bala. me 25-29: World slalom and whitewater sampionships, Skopje.
ly 31-Aug 3: World sprint championups, Belgrade. ug 23-24: British open long distance nampionships, Worcester. et 11-12: British open slalom championhips, Llangollen.

Cricket

an 49: Australia v England, Sydney. an 25:30: Australia v England, Adelaide. eb 8:13: Australia v England, Melbourne. eb 20-25: New Zealand v England

eb 28-March 5: New Zealand v England, hristchurch. June 7 : World Cup : Australia v Pakistan, Jeadingley; England v India, Lords; New Zealand v East Africa, Edgbaston; West Indies v Ceylon, Old Trafford. June 11: World Cup: Australia v Ceylon, Oral; England v New Zealand, Trent Bridge: India v East Africa, Headingley; Pakistan v West Indies, Edgbaston. June 14: World Cup: Australia v West Indies, Oval; England v East Africa, Edgbaston: India v New Zealand, Old Trafford; Pakistan v Ceylon, Trent Bridge. June 18: World Cup semi-final round, Headingley and Oval.

June 21: World Cup final, Lord's. June 22-23: England XI v Rest, women, Birmingham. 10-15: England v Australia,

July 19: Benson and Hedges Cup final, Lord's. July 19-21: England XI v Rest, women, Hastings. July 31-Aug 5: England v Australia,

Aug 14-19: England v Australia, Headingley. Aug 28-Sept 2: England v Australia, Oval. Sept 6: Gillette Cup final, Lord's.

Croquet

May 12-17: Peel Memorials, Cheltenham. July 14-19: Open championships, Hurling-ham. Sept 2-6: President's Cup, Hurlingham. Sept 27-28: All-England Handicaps, Roe-

Cycling

May 25-June 7: Tour of Britain (Milk Race). June 8-13: Manx race week, Isle of Man. June 22: British professional road race championship, Harrogate. June 27-July 20: Tour de France. July 13: British amateur road race championship, Bromsgrove.

July 23-27: Scottish Milk Race.
July 26-Aug 2: British track championships, Leicester.
Ang 22-31: World championships,

Equestrian

April 23-26: Badminton horse trials. May 22-25: Royal Windsor show.
June 13-15: World professional show
jumping championship, Cardiff Castle.
July 21-26: Royal International show. July 21-26: Royal International show, Wembley. Aug 14-17: British jumping Derby, Rick-Aug 15-17: European show jumping championship, Munich.
Sept 3-7: European chree-day event championship, Lumuhlen, W Germany.
Sept 4-7: British show jumping championships, Hickstead. Oct 6-11: Horse of the Year Show, Wembley. Dec 17-20: Dunhill tournament, Earls

Fencing

March 1-2: Martini épée competition, de Beaumont Centre and Seymour Hall. March 22-23: British épée championship, de Beaumont.

April 19-20: British sabre and women's foil champiouships, de Beaumont. May 17-18: Men's foil championship, de June 14-15: Sabre team championship, de June 21-22 : Epée team championship, de July 10-20: World championships, Buda-

Football

Feb 5: Cyprus v England; Spain v Scotland. March 1: Football League Cup final, Wembley. March 12: England v West Germany, Wembley.

April 16: England v Cyprus, Wembley;
Hungary v Wales; N Ireland v Yugoslavia. May 1: Luxembourg v Wales.
May 3: FA Cup Final, Wembley; Scottish

Cup Final, Hampden Park. May 7: Uefa Cup Final, first leg. May 14: European Cup Winners' Cup Final, Basle. May 17: Wales v Scotland; N Ireland

England. May 21: England v Wales, Wembley; Scotland v N Ireland, Hampden Park. May 24: England v Scotland, Wembley; N Ireland v Wales.

May 21: Uefa Cup Final, second leg. May 28: European Cup Final, Paris.
June 1: Romania v Scotland. Sept 3: N Ireland v Sweden; Denmark v

Oct 29: N Ireland v Norway; Scotland v Denmark: Czechoslovakia v England. Nov 19: Wales v Austria; Yugoslavia v N Ireland; Portugal v England Dec 17 : Scotland v Romania.

Gliding

May 24 June 1: British championships, Husbands Bosworth. Aug 16-25: European championships,



The Holme Pierrepont course at Nottingham, the setting for the first world rowing championships to be held in this country.

Golf

April 10-13: United States Masters, Augusta. May 16-18: Brabazon Trophy, Notts GC, Hollinwell. May 28-29: Walker Cup, St. Andrews. June 2.7: British amateur championship, Royal Liverpool. June 10-14: British women's championship, St Andrews. June 19-22: United States Open championship, Chicago. June 26-28: Women's Commonwealth tournament, Ganton. June 26-29: European amateur team cham-pionship, Killarney. July 36: European women's team championship, St Cloud. July 9-12: British Open championship,

Carnoustie. Aug 69 : Colegate European women's open Aug 65: Colegate European women's open fournament, Sunningdale. Ang 27-29: British women's stroke-play championship, Northumberland GC. Sept 45: Vagliano Trophy, women, Muir-field.

Sept 19-21: Ryder Cup, Laurel Valley, Penn.
Sept 23-27: Double Diamond tournament,
Turnberry.
Oct 1-4: Dunlop Masters, Ganton.
Oct 9-11: Piccadilly match-play tourna-

ment, Wentworth. Dec 3-7: World Cup, Bangkok.

Grevhound racing

April 12: Grand National, White City. June 28: Derby, White City. Sept 1: St Leger, Wembley.

Gymnastics

Jan 18: Champion Cup tournament, Royal Albert Hall.
April 12: Champions All international, Wembley.
May 34: European women's championships, Skien. May 31-June 1: European men's championships, Berne.

Hockey

Jan 26: Scotland v England, Edinburgh. March 1: England v Ireland women, Edg-baston; Wales v Scotland women, Swan-

March 1-15: World Cup, Kuala Lumpur. March 2: County championship final. March 8: England v Wales women, Wembley. March 15: Ireland ▼ Scotland, women. March 22: Scotland v Ireland, Glasgow; Scotland v England women, Grange

mouth; Wales v Ireland women, Milford Haven. March 22-23: International festival (England, Wales, Poland, France), Lord's. April 5: Women's county championship

April 5-6: Home countries tournament April 19: England v Wales, Bristol Netherlands v England women. April 27 : National club final.

May 17-19: European club champion-ship, Frankfurt. Aug 28-Sept 11: World championship, women, Edinburgh.

Ice hockey

April 3-10: World championship, pool A first round, Munich.
April 12-19: World championship, pool A
second round, Düsseldorf. March 1-10: World championship, pool C, March 1423: World championship, pool B, Sappore

Judo

April 19: British men's open championship, Crystal Palace.
May 7-11: European championships, Paris.
Oct 20-25: World championships, Vienna.
Nov 8: British women's open championship, Crystal Palace.

Lacrosse

March 15: England v Scotland, women, Hurlingham Park. Oct 4: Wales v United Sates, women. Oct 8: England v United States, women, Liverpool. Oct 18: Scotland v United States, women Murrayfield. Oct 25: Britain v United States, women, Hurlingham Park.

Modern pentathlon

Aug 14-17: British championships (venue undecided). Oct 26-30: World championships, Mexico.

Motor cycling
May 4: British 125cc moto-cross grand prix, Saundersfoot. May 31-June 6: Isle of Man TT races: June 22: British 250cc moto-cross grand July 6: British 500cc moto-cross grand prix, Hawkestone Park. Aug 9-10: British Formula 750cc grand prix, Silverstone. Sept 24: Manx grand prix, Isle of Man. Sept 6: World speedway championship, Wembley.

Motor racing

Jan 12 : Argentine GP, Buenos Aires. Jan 17-26 : Monte Carlo rally. Jan 26 : Brazilian GP, Interlagos. March 2 : South African GP, Kyalami. April 27 : Spanish GP, Barcelona. May 11: Monaco GP. May 25: Belgian GP, Nivelles or Zolder. June 8: Swedish GP, Anderstorp. June 1415: Le Mans 24 hour race. June 22: Dutch GP, Zandvoort.
July 6: French GP, Dijon or Paul Ricard.
July 19: British GP, Silverstone. Aug 3: German GP, Nürburgring. Aug 17: Austrian GP, Zeltweg. Sept 7: Italian GP, Monza.
Sept 21: Canadian GP, Mosport Park.
Oct 5: United States GP, Watkins Glen.
Nov 21-26: RAC rally.

Polo

June 8: Queen's Cup final, Windsor July 20: Cowdray Park Gold Cup final-July 27: Wills International, Windsor.

Racing

Feb 8: Schweppes Gold Trophy, Newbury. March 12: Champion Hardle, Chekenham. March 13: Chekenham Gold Cup. April 5: Grand National, Liverpool. May 1: 1,000 Guineas, Newmarket. May 3: 2,000 Guineas, Newmarket. June 4: Derby, Epsom. June 6: Oaks, Epsom. June 8 : French Derby, Chantilly.

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June 17-20: Royal Ascot.
June 28: Irish Derby, the Curragh.
July 5: Eclipse Stakes, Sandown Park.
July 26: King George VI and Queen
Elizabeth Stakes, Ascot.
July 29-Aug 2: Goodwood.
Aug 19: Benson and Hedges Gold Cup,

Dec 26: King George VI Steeplechase, Kempton Park. Rackets, real tennis Feb 1422: Amateur rackets singles cham-

Sept 13: St Leger, Doncaster.
Sept 19: Ayr Gold Cup.
Oct 5: Arc de Triomphe, Longchamp.
Oct 18: Champion Stakes, Newmarket.

Oct 25: Observer Gold Cup, Doncaster. Nov 8: Mackeson Gold Cup, Cheltenham.

Nov 22: Hennessy Gold Cup, Newbury.
Dec 6: Massey-Ferguson Gold Cup,

pionship, Queen's Club. April 14-19: Amateur rackets doubles championship, Queen's Club.
April 22-May 4: Amateur real tennis
singles championship, Queen's Club.
May 5-11: Real tennis open doubles championship, Queen's Club.

Rowing

March 22: Head of the River, Morelake to Pumey.
March 29: University Boar Race (3.0).
May 28-31: Oxford University Summer Eights (prov). Fights (prov).

June 47: Cambridge University May Races (prov).

June 28-29: Nortinghamshire International, Nortingham.

July 3-6: Henley Royal Regatta.

July 18-20: British championships, Norting-

July 23: Doggett's Coat and Badge, London Bridge to Chelsea (11.15). Ang 21-24: Men's lightweight and women's world championships, Nottingham. Aug 26-30: Men's world championships,

Rugby League

Jan 19: France v England, Perpignan or Carcassone (prov). March 2: Wales v France, Pontypool (prov). March 29: England v Wales, Salford. May 10: Callenge Cup Final, Wembley. May 17: Club championship final. June 7-21: World championship, Sydney and Auckland (prov).

Oct 11-25: World championship, Britain and France (prov).

Rugby Union

Jan 18: Ireland v Eugland, Dublin; Jan 18: freland v England, Dublin;
France v Weles, Paris.
Feb 1: England v France, Twickenham;
Scotland v Ireland, Murrayfield.
Feb 15: Wales v England, Cardiff;
France v Scotland, Paris.
March 1: Scotland v Wales, Murrayfield;
freland v France, Dublin. Ireland v France, Dublin.

March 5: UAU final, Twickenham.

March 15: England v Scotland, Twickenham; Wales v Ireland, Cardiff.

March 22: County championship final.

April 19: Ireland/Scotland v England/

Wales, Dublin.

April 26: RFU club competition final,

Twickenham.

Man 3: Middleser Severa Twickenham. May 3: Middlesex Sevens, Twickenham.
May 24: Australia v England, Sydney.
June 1: Australia v England, Brisbane.
June 14: New Zealand v Scotland, Dec 6: Scotland v Australia, Murrayfield. Dec 9: Oxford v Cambridge, Twickenham. Dec 20: Wales v Australia, Cardiff.

Skating

Jan 25-26: Men's European ice speed skating championships, Heereveen.
Jan 28-Feb 1: European ice figure championships, Copenhagen. Feb 8-9: Men's world ice speed championships, Oslo. Feb 15-16: Men's and women's world ice sprint championships, Gothenburg. Feb 22-23: Women's world ice speed championships, Assen. March 48: World ice figure champion shipse, Colorado Springs.

July 26-27: British roller championships, Sept 15-17: World roller championships, Brisbane.
Nov 15: British ice dance championships, Nortingham (prov).

Dec 23: British ice figure championships,
Richmond (prov).

Skiing

Jan 5-8: British championships, Val Jan 9-10: SDS combined, women, Grindel-Jan 11-12: Lauberhorn Cup, men. Wengen. Jan 15-16: World Cup combined, women, Schruns. Jan 18-19: Hahnenkamm Trophy, men, Jan 20-28: British biathlon and cross-country championships, Oberjoch. Jan 25: Olympic course downhill, women, Jan 26: Olympic course downhill, men, Igls. Jan 30-Feb 2: Ariberg-Kandahar, Chamonix, Megève, St Gervais. Feb 9-16: World biathlon championships,

Shooting

May 15-17: British sporting clay pigeon championship, Northolt. May 24-25: Grand prix, sporting clay pigeon, Ganton.
June 18: British small-bore championship, Bisley.

snip, Bisley.
July 14-26: NRA meeting, Bisley.
July 26: Queen's Prize, Bisley.
Ang 2-3: Grand prix, skeet, Evershot.
Aug 8-9: British skeet championship,

Aug 9-10: Grand prix, Olympic trap, Sea-

Squash rackets

Jan 7: Britain v Pakistan, Wembley. Jan 30-Feb 7: British Open championship, y Wembley. Feb 12: Britain v Australia women, amateur, Bournemouth. Feb 19: Britain v Australia women, amateur, Coventry. Feb 26: Britain v Australia women, amateur, Wembley. Feb 28-March 6: British women's open championship, Wembley. March 21-24: British Amateur close championship, Wembley. March 21-24: British professional close championship, Guernsey. April 16-13: European Amateur championships, Dublin.

Swimming

March 13-15: ASA short course championships, Manchester. Mar 29-31: Coca-Cola meeting, Crystal Palace.

April 12-13: Six Nations tournament, Stockholm.

July 18-25: World championships, Cali.

Aug 15-16: European Cup, women, Leeds.

Aug 16-17: European Cup, men, Moscow.

Aug 22-23: Springboard championships, Huddersfield.
Aug 28-30: ASA championships, Coventry. Aug 29-30: Highboard championships,

Table tennis

Crystal Palace.

Jan 9-11: English Open championships. Brighton.
Jan 25-31: Commonwealth championships
Melbourne.
Feb 6-16: World championships, Calcuttant April 3-5: English close championships

Tennis

Crystal Palace.

Jan 1: Australian Open finals, Melbourne (championships start Dec 26). Feb 2: Connors v Laver \$100,000 challeuge, Las Vegas.

March 3-9: WCT tournament, Royal

Albert Hall.

May 2-4: Austria v Britain (Davis Cup) Austria.

May 5-11: WCT finals, Dallas.

May 12-18: British hard court champion... ships, Bournemouth. ships, Bournemouth.

May 26-June 1: Italian championships,
Rome.

June 2-15: French championships, Paris. June 16-21: John Player tournament, Nortingham.
June 23-July 6: Wimbledon championships.
Aug 27-Sept 7: United States champion.

Water skiing

Albert Hall (prov).

July 19-20: British championships (venue Aug 14-16: European championships, Trier. (W Germany). Sept 1-8: World championships, Thorpe,

ships, Forest Hills.
Nov 9-15: Dewar tournament, Royal

Weightlifting

Feb 22: British championships, Bletchley, Sept 15-24: World and European championships, Moscow.

Wrestling

April 27-29 : European Greco-Roman championships, Ludwigshafen.

May 1-3: European free-style championships, Ludwigshafen. oct 9-19: World championships, Minsk

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Yachting

May 29-June 7: Weymouth week.

June 27-July 4: European Fireball chain. Aug 1 : Admiral's Cup, Gosport . Aug 2-10: Cowes Week. Aug 4: Admiral's Cup, Cowes Aug 6: Admiral's Cup, Cowes

Aug 9: Fastner Race, Cowes, Aug 12-22: European 470 class champion, ship, Stokes Bay. Aug 23-30: Port of London clipper, regatta.

Aug 30: Round the World Clipper race.

Why East Asia is determined to keep the West a world away

The first article in this defined Hast China, Japan, Korca and Vietnam, as a separate civilization from the rest of Asia and one that consciously defended itself from the onslaught of western empire. Today it still sees its tet on and comparison with the West. The article ended by ording which way all four omission is perhaps the first committee might go in the stumbling block to the western

of this distinctive civilization; without some kers the doors will not open. One might begin pointing to the most easily visible distinctions. The record of where in Asia western power has fought shows East Asia to be distinctive enough in its troughness and its resistance to the West, Japan from 1941 to 1943, Koreans and Chinese from 1950 to 1953, Victuamese from 1946 to 1954 and again from 1964 to 1973; even the Malavan "emer-gency" means fighting mostly Chinese.

Disciplined work is also visible enough in the arc of economic growth that can be traced from Korea (north and south: Janan, Taiwan, Hong-long down to Singapore, ercepting only China itself (where Chelevian Mao has dif-ferent priorities) and Vietnam (crippled by war). All this are is one of East Asian achieve-ment and is manifestly better man will be found in any other marts of "developing" Asia, If Kuala Lumpur or Bangkok are wher minor stars, it is the Chinese ingredient that gives the sparkle.

Many will also have noticed the toughness allied to political commitment in the record of student activity. In all of these countries, if one looks hack over half a century or more, the student political demonstrator has been a formipolitical phenomenom, more formidable and politically conscious than those clsewhere in Asia, certainly since the rest of Asia became independent. There is a tenacity and courage in the political convictions of Chinese, Japan-ese, Koreans and Vietnamese of an altogether different qua-

Such a dedication that is in the broadest sense political offers the best key to East Asian concern. Man in society is the theme. The civilization is this-worldly, not other-worldly, for China, and thus East Asia, has been mostly agnostic; at least no church has ever arisen to challenge the omnipotent state. That stumbling block to the western and in understanding East Ent before considering each Asia: we have been so used for country separately more needs to long to the dichotomy and to be said about the character to the differing values

expressed by church and state. The other western difficulty is to comprehend a civilization that has never discovered or cultivated individualism but has always, in contrast, stressed the collective. Only in the group does the East Asian find fulfilment. It was instruc-tive in Hongkong after the communist conquest of the mainland in the early fifties to note how many Chinese com-ing thence were readily hailed "refugees" by a cold war conscious western press but were mostly those who because of war and disaster had lost all

contact with any group.

It might be added, so important in any culture being the words in which we give shape to the ideas we have evolved. that it is impossible to express the concept of individualism in Chinese except by pejorative-sounding words. One may note this emphasis in China today. If any of us make any connexion with officialdom we will first be asked our name and address—they establish our identity. The Chinese will usually first be asked what unit (ie place of collective work) he belongs to.

The Confucian social and political prescription is thus authoritarian and hierarchical from the family upwards to the emperor. The concept of who expects democracy to opposition in a political flower or individual freedom sense—or indeed any form of opposition to authority—was unacceptable because disruptive of society. Even after a contrary traditions have first to be worst on in the big cities have reserved in the big cities h Japan's opposition parties have not all acquired real roots while those of South Korea and South Vietnam are allowed by authoritatian rulers to exist

Independence to the East Asian mind means first the removal from the totality of East Asian civilization of all western intrusions and the complete fulfilment of an

Delhi offers instructive com-

parison.

A "constitutional" opposition in the western democratic sense is still a strange phenomenon to East Asian sensibilimeton to East Asian sension-ties. What the Confucianist political ethic did allow, how-ever, was rebellion—given the eroded moral foundation of the existing order; and given also the sound moral fibre of the rebels (the winners of course always claimed this; the losers were not accorded it). Chairman Mao's acquisition of power through these traditional channels was entirely Confu-cian in its traditional context; the victory was seen primarily as a moral one and was so proclaimed. In short anyone the big cities has western in-fluence of this kind made

much headway.
One could list many other

acquired nationalism 7 parties cannot escape a sense ethic—without benefit of Protof acting out of character. A estantism. The passion for day spent in the Diet in Tokyo education is general and is and the Lok Sabha in New transmitted from generation to education is general and is transmitted from generation to generation; a Chinese classroom would be a paradise to any harassed English teacher. In all East Asian countries intellectual life gains from one language: no English or French-speaking upper class is continually divorced from the society.

society.

But what matters to us however is the confrontation be-tween this East Asian civilization and the West that began in the last century and that continues for the most part peacefully in this. And here it is necessary to risk vulgarity by picking up that old tag about inscrutable Orientals. The first impressions that gave rise to the adjective were not rise to the adjective were not wrong. East Asia is certainly unwilling or unable to explain itself, its culture being clubbable for those who belong, while hidden generally from those who do not. For them the inside (us) and the outside them) are more powerful con-(them) are more powerful con-cepts marking greater distinctions than those every society

makes of any other that is

other civilizations. In the bare decade or so earlier in this century when salvation in the West seemed the answer to Chinese needs explorers went out process of regeneration it into the western wilderness and worked hard, but the encounter was very brief. Nor was it in any way murral. The understanding of China—or Japan—was not a priority that had entered the western mind in the first half of this century. Even the sinologists ended their histories of China with Missonies of China with the Ming dynasty and a bare chapter on the Ching.

It follows that if you do not understand the civilization with which you are trying to communicate you will go the wrong way about it. A very garbled or incomprehensible message will be received; or one that seems ludicrously irrelevant. This applies both ways. The willingness of some Fast Asians to present a from East Asians to present a front to the West, to translate themselves into western terms, tends only to create another barrier to mutual understanding. The wholehearted western understander of East Asia may find that his wish to be at home in the country is not often welcomed, or requires of him total surrender; the capac-ity to absorb others culturally was one the Chinese developed very early in their history. The visitor will find that foreigners are special and are treated as such, often to their embarrass-

If all four East Asian conntries have an uncertain future, and if it is more than ever before a future that western power admits it can have little or no power to influence (Korea and Vietnam included) what then are the guidelines and limits to speculation about

What firstly are the objectives foremost in the East Asian mind? The first remains was conceived when the west-ern impact was first felt. And this means an independence altogether greater than the independence that other colonial countries claimed. It means firstly the removal from the totality of East Asian civiliz-ation of all western intrusions and South Vietnam are allowed qualities that mark out East alien to it.

totality of East Asian civilization of all western intrusions scarcely more than as sops to cipline goes with the collectience enclosure and self-awareness as and the complete fulfilment of western susceptibilities. Such vism. There is a strong work a civilization is an unwilling a newly acquired nationalism.

ness to explore and understand. The objective is equality with other civilizations. In the bare, the West, not forgetting that riority survive, even if not in the conscious mind. But in the means an emphasis on selfhelp, on imports from the West limited only to those necessary for regeneration-industrial technology and the like-not knocking down the wall that surrounds the East Asian culture.

Of course there is a debate within these countries as to how much contact with the West modernization requires, but it is not an argument of essence, only an argument of how much. The nationalism of East Asia never questions that its modernization is carried out on the assumption that its dis-tinet civilization is being res-tored; one that has had and will have a continuous history.

Next to the independence-from the West, naturally—is what one might call the spirit-ual quality of East Asian civilization. Perhaps the word is misleading, with its religious connotation to the western mind; but it is no less true to say that western misunder-standing of East Asian civilization arises most often from its inability to appreciate the moral core of an essentially agnostic society.

So the process of regeneration demands a revised doc-trine, in place of the amalgam that has come to be known as Confucian, a doctrine in which the role of the state and the articulation of society is laid down. This can mean revising the old ideas with new ones, or by importing the ideas formulated by another civilization and adapting them to the conditions of East Asia so that they work in its aid; grafting them and planting them within the soi! of the old society. Fut without old society. Fut without some such a doctrine as a core East Asian societies will tend to feel themselves adrift in a sea of global western influence. How can they keep direction except with the aid of their own doctrine? What role can they play unless there role can they play unless there is a doctrine to justify and

> Richard Harris (To be continued)

Two others will be brought

together on a national basis for the first time: these will list

all disqualified drivers, and all

persons subject to suspended or

deferred sentences.

These "people" files will be based on name, sex, colour of

skin, height, and date of birth.

recognition has been adopted.

computer-held criminal names

index, it is planned, will even-tually be part of an automated

criminal records system; initi-ally it will give basic informa-tion only, directing attention to

the appropriate file held at New Scotland Yard for the full

A notable feature of

police computer system is the

sheer size of its memory, which has to accommodate files grow-

criminal history.

Liverpool may envy Hamburg but will never copy her

The Council Chamber in Liver- were promptly reduced from pool's town hall is a monument to Victorian confidence and solidity, with a gilded ceiling, huge marble fireplace and large semi-circular leather benches for the councillors. The Labour councillors, now in a minority, fill one side of the room—large, middle-aged confident men at one with their traditional surroundings. The new Liberal councillors, by contrast, look wholly out of place—young keen faces, polo-

necked jerseys, beards, pretty young women. The election of this new and largely unknown group of people was the result of an unprecedented doorstep campaign with the slogan, "Back to basics", coupled with the promise of a council which would consult and respond to the people.

But the Liberals are minority government, and many people in the city expect them to lose control at next year's election, thus continuing the trend of one political group succeeding another so rapidly that there has been no continu-ity of the city's policies in such vital areas as schools and hous-

ing over the past decade.

Liverpool's problem of lack of continuity is exactly the reverse of Hamburg's, where the Social Democrat Party (the SPD) have been in power (sometimes as the senior part-ner of a coalition) for 24 years. The result is that the first thing any Hamburger will say about the city is that its administration is, in Die Zeit's phrase, "a red oligarchy". A businessman, a shopkeeper, a journalist proa snopkeeper, a journalist produced the identical criticism, "good jobs go with a party card and political nepotism, and the SPD party men run the policy making in the State Parliament, as well as being engaged. meshed in the executive funcmeshed in the executive runctions of the administration including the public utilities such as electricity, transport, cooperative supermarkets, banks and building societies."

The citizens of both cities have nothing but criticisms to offer about their respective city governments, but the criticisms.

city governments, but the criticisms are the obverse of each other—in Liverpool they say the Liberals are too idealistic and not businesslike enough, while in Hamburg they say the SPD is too busy being business-like for its own benefit to really

heed the people.

The constitutions of the two cities provide some of the clues to the enormous disparity between the general efficiency and prosperity of Hamburg, com-pared with Liverpool. Hamburg is for administrative purposes both a city and state, with a State Parliament of 122 members elected every four years. This legislature itself elects a Senate of between 10 and 15 members. These men give up their ordinary jobs, as well as all social life, for the highest status and the hardest work available in the city.

A phonetic system of name English local adminis has no equivalent of this pool The names indexes will help to answer the "Anything known?" type of inquiry. The of high calibre men, many of whom go on from these jobs to positions in the Federal Government in Bonn. In Liverpool, the 99 councillors (except one of the new young Liberals) have full-time jobs as well as their committee work which takes about three afternoons a week, two or three evening "surgeries" for constituents a week, and usually one party meeting. The council itself meets every five weeks. The committee work is serviced by the city's 7,000 man permanent administration, accountable to

ing to about 25 million vehicle owners, the coded fingerprints the Council. of about three million people, A second major difference is in the district administration of the two cities. Hamburg has seven district councils, and again the heads of these are men who do a full-time four year stint. Each district council has a small-scale but important autonomy with rather more than £100,000 a year to spend Five years ago, in an effort to

improve the effectiveness of the city's administration, Liverpool Council spent £150,000 on a McKinsey management report. The corporation's committees Early next year he will open a branch in Scotland, where the oil boom means that many

to six, and its 26 departmen-16. But McKinsey could solve the lack of liaison tween departments, nor geographical chaos of city vices, central and local governent offices dealing with lit needs such as housing, or tion, youth employment, far health, education welfare, social services scattered ac every area of the city, and o covering areas with diffe boundaries so that an effec and coordinated service aln ost impossible.

A fundamental difference

tween the two cities seems relationship to central gov ment. Whereas Liverpool almost half of its funds central government, Hamit (except for major capital exditure projects) finances it from income tax (half of wit must pass on to Bonn) turnover tax (of which it renders 63 per cent to Bonn This need to be economic

This need to be economic self-reliant marks the will atmosphere of Hamburg's renment and citizens with businesslike pragmatism.

The same self-reliance there is in the relation between Hamburg and central government is there the relationship between H burg and its citizens. The ference between the countries' systems is exemplified by housing not countries' systems is lexemplified by housing pol in Hamburg 52 per cent homes were destroyed in war, and in an emerge building programme 485, building programme 485, houses were rebuilt. Of th 300,000 were built with 50 cent government loans with the rest of the money raised privately by the wor be tenant and the develop Concessionary loans by the to present day developers here.

to keep rents down, but o about 10 per cent or less of housing stock is owned by city. Liverpool on the othand owns one-third of city's homes, and needs £15.5m subsidy from cent government towards its houng deficit. The vast sliclear tice programme to p down 33,000 homes betwee 1966 and 1974 is about othird behind.

In various parts of Liverpt a businessman a docker, a Cyril Carr, the leader of touncil, said enviously to need to the council, said enviously to need to the council to the coun to keep rents down, but o

council, said enviously to n "how much we have to lea from West Germany". None them want to learn that the are no magic answers. Count lor Carr dreams that Liverpa will become rich by being ma a free port like Hamburg part of the renegoriations of Common Market terms ; 4 Dockland Action Group dresthat the £20m South Docks s will be turned over free to t people of the city as the gre est waterfront recreation at in England when the Gove-ment nationalizes the dock the Mersey Dock and Harbo Company dream that the ci roment will start pay the £1m a year for dredging t river, as they do in German and that the company con make a profit instead of a !? loss, if the Government won only subsidize it as Germans do their ports.

Bur no one is saying, as the are in Hamburg, that in the present economic situation there can be no grandiose car tal expenditure in the hope future dividends for the cit and the only dreams worth ha and the only dreams worth hat ing are of balancing the budge by such tough measures those proposed for Hamburg Die Zeit by Frank Dahrendo—sacking 5,000 of the city 105,000 employees, for instant or sacking 400 teachers to increasing every class in the city by one child. But Hambur has 2.1 per cent unemploymen whereas Liverpool has 68 per cent unemploymen. whereas Liverpool has 6.8 pc cent and the figure is rising, s the solutions that Hambur finds for their common prof lems are unlikely to be accep able in Liverpool. Liverpoo will continue to envy Hambur; but they will not emulate it.

> Victoria Brittaii (Concluded)

Computer that links every policeman to a data bank

The long electronic memory of the law

The introduction into service of the Home Office's Police National Computer System is transforming national police inquiries as dramatically as clipon radiotelephones transformed local communications.

It is giving faster access to information, more immediate responses to inquiries, and more ously the police had access to the 200-plus local-authority tax flexible operations.

The zeneral aim is to give local police forces throughout the country immediate access to selected central records. These records are held on the Police National Computer system at Hendon; and the local forces use their own terminals to contact the system via a network of Post Office data lines.

A 55m twin Burroughs computer is at the heart of the wstem. Total cost to 1980, induding hardware, staff and ther running costs, will be between £30m and £40m. By the 1.000 terminals connected to

When fully operational, the police system will be the largest real-time (immediate-response) system of its type in Europe. It is comparable to a major airline computer system, with the significant difference that the records are not only more numerous but have to be retained on file for many years.

Initially, three types of re-cords are being held on the

vehicles; an index Scotland Yard's fingerprint file; and an index of stolen and suspect motor vehicles. The first of these reflects the

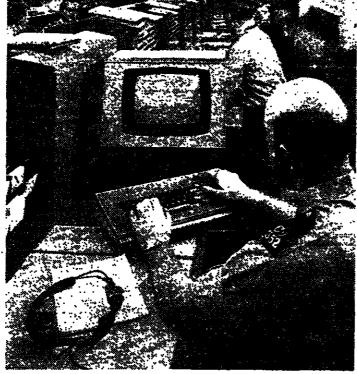
recent centralization of vehicle registrations by the Department of the Environment at its new Swansea computer centre, Previoffices when they needed to trace the owner of a vehicle. Now the same information is available from Swansea. Magnetic tapes are sent from Swansea to Hendon daily, and extracts from the DoE entries are used to keep the police files up to date.

Fingerprint records of about 2.5 million people are held in the National Fingerprint Office in New Scotland Yard. Initially the Hendon computer is to handle court-appearance in-quiries only—checking the full set of prints taken when a person is arrested against those

Later, the system is expected to be extended to include scene-of-crime investigations. To computerize the index, it

was necessary to devise a special numerical code to classify individual prints. After visual inspection each print is allocated two numbers, one representing a pattern code and the other a ridge count.

There are 30 patterns, each of which can have about 30 values Hendon computer. These are an of the ridge count. In theory this index of owners of motor gives 10×30×30 possible com-



binations, since different fingers of the same person can have different fingerpriots. In practice, several thousand such combinations may occur with any one search. This coding

system is believed to be the most

detailed of its type in the world,

and is certainly more exact than

the manual classification code used previously.

Reporting and locating stolen

vehicles has been speeded up considerably using the Hendon computer. Previously it could up to 10 days for information to reach all police forces throughout the country, via regional basis and published supplements to the Police Gazette Now, using the computer,

reports of thefts can be immediately entered via the local terminals to the national databank at Hendon. And, for the first time, the computer will provide a national index of suspect as well as stolen vehicles. If the full registration number, chassis or engine number of a suspect vehicle is known, an inquiry via a terminal can produce an immediate response indicating whether or not the vehicle is listed as stolen, or is

otherwise known to the police. If the number is only partially known, or if a "descriptive search" for, say, a blue Jaguar or a red Mini is wanted, the computer can search the filesof vehicle owners or of stolen vehicles—and list those vehicles which might fit the description.

These three initial applica-tions are all based on "num-bers" files. They will be fol-lowed on to the computer by several "names" applications where the inquiries may be less

Two of these new applications are computer-based versions of existing national indexes—of criminal names; and of persons who are wanted, missing, or suspected of specific criminal offences—which are held in the Criminal Record Office at New Scotland Yard.

some five million criminal names, perhaps 200,000 stolen vehicles, and provision for many more records in the

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il suppose we'll have to

The Times Diary

Heroic, futile and very expensive



Our cook's Diary features a recipe using herts for every week in 1975. Beautifully illustrated by lan Back, plenty of space for notes and appointments. Our gardener's diarry advises what should be done in the garden, each week . Illustrated by etchings, wood blocks, water colours and botanical prints. Our desk diary has a marbled over of pink and pale cohre. They all make notable presents.

HABITAT SHOPS AT: BREMERICHARD, BOLTON, BOLENIEMOUTH, BRUCHTON, BRISTOL, BROWLEY. MARIAI SHUPS AT BEHENTATUM, COLLER, BURNACHARIA I RINGHTON, BRGSTOL BROMLEY.
CHEKTERIAM, COVENTRY CROYDON, GLASGOW, GURLDFORD, KRISSTON-UPOR-THARES, LECESTER,
LIVERPOOL, LONDON, MANCRESTEN, MOTTIRESHAM, RORFORD, YORK, VALLINGFORD, WATFORD. The most heroic gestures are always those which end in failure—Dunkirk and the Charge of the Light Brigade are two which spring to mind. That is why, when the annals of Par-liamentary heroics come to be written, the great dash from Luxembourg to vote in Wednes-day night's hanging debate will take a prominent place. Seven Conservative members

of both the British and European Parliaments left the chamber of the European Parliament in the middle of a quite important discussion on the results of the Paris summit. But when they arrived at Luxembourg airport they found that it was snowing too heavily for their scheduled flight to take off.

When the snow eased, ice formed on the wings and there was a two-hour delay before it could be removed. When the plane did arrive at London airport, the real chase began. Peter Kirk, leader of the Con-

servative delegation to Europe, and Hugh Dykes, both abolitionists, sped off in an official car. Meanwhile Ralph Howell, Tom Normanton and Michael Shaw, who would all have voted for a return of hanging in cases of murder by terrorism comman-deered a taxi. They waved largesse (two five pound notes) in front of the driver's nose to encourage him to get there on

time.
The driver was himself a supporter of hanging, so needed little financial inducement. Sadly both the taxi and the official car arrived at about the same time, a good four minutes too late to vote. The only European Parliamentarians who

favour of the death penalty, and Soviet leaders, Brezhney and Sir Brandon Rhys-Williams, Gromyko both cautionsly exagainst it. They had left Luxembourg earlier. So the net effect luncheon. of the cross-Channel dash was

But the drama was not over yet. The seven then returned to London Airport to climb aboard a chartered seven-seater Dove aircraft for the journey back to Luxembourg. There they arrived in time, by five minutes, for an important vote on the European budget. All of which proves how ridiculous (and expensive for the British taxpayer) it is to try to do two jobs at once.

Summit he ate

With considerable foresight, Robin Young in Wednesday's Diary spotlighted the risks our Prime Minister was taking by sitting down to dine with the French in Paris. Sure enough, a stomach upset laid him low yesterday when he was due to report to the House on the apparent success of his mission. Last week, when Wilson returned from Paris, the stomach trouble he had then was blamed on Giscard's oysters. Since then the French foreign minister, Sauvagnargues, has been carried from a banquet on a stretcher (though this has

since been blamed on mixing amphetamines with wine), and

cused themselves a subsequent

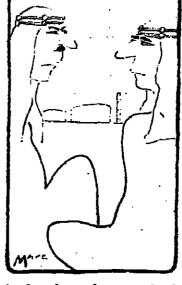
At the Downing Street press office, where they do not much like to talk about foreign food any more, Wilson's latest stomach upser was diplomatically described as a viral infec-

How, we wondered, would the French press deal with events described in our papers as "Giscard bows to Wilson" and the like. Yesterday's Le Monde had the answer: "Le modeste succès de la réunion concessions francaises."

L. G-B.

I know it is a minority view, but I have always regarded George Brown, as he then was, as Britain's most effective Foreign Secretary of the Sixties. Yesterday I went to a cupboard-like room in the Palace of Westminster where he was announcing a new involvement in foreign

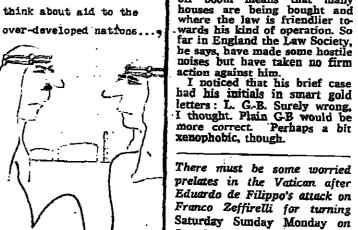
Lord George Brown, as he now is, has become chairman of the Council for International Contact Trust, a body which raises money for sending students and workers abroad. To celebrate



the fact, he made a speech of characteristic ebullience (why is that the word reporters always ية: se about him ?).

A convinced George-Brown made a telling comment on the European debate at last month's Labour Party conference. "I was horri-fied and frightened", he said, "by the extent to which xeno-phobic dislike if not hatred of foreigners has become the key-note of the debate in the Labour

He was in a bright mood, and spoke enthusiastically to me about the success of his new company offering cut-price conveyancing to house purchasers.



Franco Zeffirelli for turning Saturday Sunday Monday on Broadway into a farce which flopped. Zeffirelli has been chosen by the Vatican to produce the televised ceremony for the opening of the Holy Year on Christmas Eve at which the Pope will open the holy door of St Peter's. One of Eduardo de Filippo's detailed objections to Zeffirelli's handling of the play was that characters could not open or shut a door without falling over.

Lovers

The subject of the satisfaction people derive from working has been agonized over for some years now. So far the agonizing static bicycle operated by relays has not produced obvious practical results. People continue to at pedalling?". Dad's Army hate work, managements and was never like that. unions remain at each other's throats, and the talking con-

Industrial Society yesterday, Si Michael Swann, chairman of the BBC and former principal of Edinburgh University, said tha at least two factors in a man working life were more signifi cant than pay: the sense o achievement and, where this dir not apply (as on an assembline), the sense of belonging which could be achievec-phrough love.

Love, he suggested, could be expressed by appreciation and constructive criticism. "Ever managing directors like to be congratulated", he observed.

Not everyone was satisfied by these arguments. One delegate said it was all very well to talk of belonging, but in these inflationary times it did not pay the bills. "When your wife asks for more money on Friday night, it is no good saying: 'I belong at work but I can't give you any money'." Sir Michael had to concede the point.

In his latest progress report, General Sir Walter Walker, the founder of Civil Assistance, issues a list of instructions for his county coordinators to follow in the event of the national breakdown which he says is inevitable by Christmas. Under the section headed Self Help. he asks: "In an extreme emergency in hospital, could you get a generator worked from a static bicycle operated by relays

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HE INFLATION THAT WORKS DOMESTIC

week's events have focused put, between supply and demand. tion on the external dimenof Britain's economic prenent. Specifically the depreon of the pound, Saudi ia's decision to refuse oil ients in sterling and the increase in the trade gap all refreshed memories n from the 1950s and 1960s onomic crises finally precipiby heavy runs on the pound. people are asking thems whether the long-awaited has been reached and her the brief moments of fall before catastrophe es are even now ticking

ch misgivings arise from a eading interpretation of in's present economic oles combined with a recolin's on of the characteristic finandramas of the 1950s and s. Those flurries in the gn exchange market threatat worst some downward siment in the pound's fixed ange rate.

ie problem of the 1970s is rent. The pound is no longer I; and any particular crisis se mer partly on the rate and ly on the reserves. What is take now is something far serious than a devaluation that of 1967, namely an inai collapse of the currency as ble medium of exchange and, it, the collapse of the whole m of our postwar prosperity parliamentary government. nis threat does not derive ı any external cause, but the culmination of nearly e decades of trying to pay elves more than we are really ing while relying upon inflato restore the necessary nce between income and out-

We have exploited what economists call "money illusion" the full; and now the people have caught on.

Full employment cannot for much longer be maintained by printing money to pay inflated prices. Working people now demand that inflation should be allowed for in determining their pay. There comes a point when the authorities can no longer inflate faster than people expect; and that is the only way to maintain full employment when pay settlements are running ahead of

increases in productivity.

The problems of higher oil prices, of the associated trade deficit and of the reinvestment of the surpluses of the oil-producing countries are, by comparison, technical problems requiring and capable of technical solutions. It would be a different matter if the oil producers declined to supply the oil at all or if they wanted to spend their surpluses on importing the current output the western economies, including Britain's.

If the oil deliveries ceased at all abrupily, the western economies would literally and figuratively seize up. If the oil producers spent their oil revenues, the oil consumers would have to refrain from themselves consuming that part of their own output which the oil producers wanted to buy; and that would involve a significant, though once-and-for-all, adjustment downwards in standards of living in the oil-consuming

countries. But at present the oil producers are delivering the oil and seem to wish-or be able-only to spend a small fraction of their oil revenues. In that event, since the oil is paid for in the IOUs of the oil-consuming countries, the oil producers' surpluses cannot but be lent back to the oil consumers.

Provided that the Governments of the oil-consuming countries run budget deficits broadly equivalent to their proportionate share in the collective oil deficit of the oil-consuming countries and that the surpluses of the oilproducing countries are directly or indirectly lent to the Governments of the oil-consuming countries, the world and national economies can remain in equilibrium, It may also be necessary for the oil-consuming countries to arrange among themselves to recycle any maldistribution of the oil producers' surplus funds so that they match the pattern of the deficits of the oil-consuming countries.

This last is essentially the purpose of Dr Kissinger's excellent scheme for mutual guarantees through the mechanism of the OECD. Given these condi-tions, which are likely to be fulfilled sooner rather than later next year, there is no way in the short-to-medium term that the oil deficits or the management of the surplus funds of the oil producers can cause catastrophe in the western economies.

The sterling crisis which would betoken real economic peril would be the kind which stemmed either from an internal collapse of the currency or from gross overstimulation of spending power in the home economy. In either case the fault and the remedy would lie with ourselves; and there would be, as there is, no justification for making either bogymen or scapegoats out of foreigners in general or oil producers in particular.

EW PROGRESS IN RHODESIA

swift removal of the last-ite blockage which halted the rtiations in Lusaka a week is a clear enough sign that ture Rhodesian settlement is g rough-hewn by powerful iders. President Kaunda has ously moved decisively to e the hardliners among the desian Africans to forget the and for immediate majority as the basis of the constitual conference which is the condition for calling off their rrillas. Mr Vorster's hand is to en seen in Mr Smith's prompt eptance of the African ersal and the markedly conatory tone of his announce-3f vesterdav.

he settlement in detail will e to be shaped by black and te Rhodesian leaders, but ir respective backers—for that that the situation is amounting -are determined to keep them otiating. That is the real urance that the two sides will shepherded or even bullied rards sensible compromises ler continuing sanction of ng repudiated by those on om they depend for the sinews war. While Dr Kaunda and Mr rster see eye to eye the hope settlement will endure.

The Africans — both cionalists and the militants and ddlers who influence them in outside, have now, after all, t what they have long deinded: a constitutional conferce with all parties present-of urse including Britain when ined. Mr Smith has also got, or getting, what he has held essen-I to progress: the cessation of crorism. There is still some unrtainty over the timing of this, the Africans await a date for

e talks. Their mistrust should dispear as the detainees, held only cause (it was alleged) they inigated violence, emerge from ison; Mr Nkomo and the Rev dabaningi Sithole are already ee men. Mr Smith has accepted e unthinkable in agreeing that is government will sit down with lese men as equals, and that

ir, It is to be hoped that the

emarks of Baroness Seear—as noted in your report (December 5) f a House of Lords debate on urban

ransport—will not obscure the xiremely important contribution

vhich women have been making for

nany years to the operation of

ondon Transport's bus and Under-

round services. A large number are

The broadening of the scope of

heir employment is under constant review, and one of the points in

London Transport's nine-point plan

for improving pay and conditions of

its staff announced more than a year

aşo was greater flexibility in the use

of labour, including the employment

of women "in grades now restricted

to men". As a result of the agree-

ment of a delegate conference of

London businen, the way is now open

for women to drive London's buses.

It was decided, after subsequent

consultations with the busmen's

union, that existing London Trans-

Port staff should be given the first

opportunity to volunteer and train as bus drivers. Some have already

qualified; others are in training or

awaining their turn for training. We

expect to be in a position to invite

women applicants from outside London Transport in the carly part of next year. This, however, will be

The training of bus drivers is .

employed in a wide range of jobs.

Vomen in London .

rom Mr Ralph Bennett

ransport

"normal political activity." will be permitted. In other words the new grouping or party that incorporates Zanu and Zapu, is legal. The next stage is to work out how and where the conference begins and its ground rules.

When Mr Smith was negotiating with British governments, the difficulty was to find a formula which a fair-minded outsider could say was in accord with Britain's five principles-notably "unimpeded advance to majority rule". Now the problem moves away from "whether" to "how" and "when". After the Portuguese settlement with Frelimo, the Africans are bound to want a rapid advance to certainly well within Mr Smith's lifetime. Nor will they willingly sign a settlement which leaves an interim white-dominated government in power in an independent Rhodesia, even for a few years, without guarantees that it cannot repudiate. They will be hard to budge from the slogan "No Inde-pendence Before Majority Rule".

On his side, Mr Smith's tactics are to be discerned in his promise to the whites that Rhodesia's standards" of civilization will not be deviated from. Nobody has seen these standards defined-in not a few respects it can be shown that white standards are both double standards and low standards in public life. If this slogan means that educated Africans lack the standards to africanize the civil service, or provide MPs at a level at least equal to that of Rhodesian Front backbenchers Mr Smith will have to be persuaded otherwise. He has however a hand that he knows how to play slowly, as has been seen, and the unity of Zanu

and Zapu has yet to be tested. The probability is that Dr Kaunda and Mr Vorster are agreed that an orderly and rapid progress to majority rule is necessary in both their countries vital interests, and that the risks of a racial war must be defused. They cannot mastermind the Rhodesian conference where the risk of failure will be present.

and agreement has now been reached

in principle with the rail unions on

equality of opportunity for women on the Underground generally. A

joint body comprising representa-

tives of the unions and management

will be looking urgently at the prob-

RALPH BENNETT, Deputy Chair-

Sir, You say of the Arts in your leader today (December 9) that they

do not have an easy case to urge in hard times. "They save no lives, they relieve no hardship, they make

no direct contribution to the balance of payments." Even as a skittle to

knock down that sounds to me rather hollow. One thought that it was by now well established that a high percentage of overseas visitors were

lems of implementation.

The case for the Arts

From Mr John Harrison

Yours faithfully.

Loudon Transport,

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December 9.

man,

The important first step is that Rhodesians have faced the inevitable and Mr Nkomo and Mr Sithole join Bishop Muzorewa at the table as equals of the white ministers.

Mr Callaghan will no doubt learn more about how the conference is to be conducted and how Britain can help when he visits Africa in the new year. It would seem best for it to be held in Rhodesia where President Kaunda and Mr Vorster can most easily exert a benign influence and keep informed. At least in the early stages. London is too far from the scene. It is true that the Pearce Commission showed the dangers of overheating in Rhodesian political discussions, where the Africans have so long been inhibited.

Ways can surely be found to ensure calm. The Nationalists have a strong incentive to curb disorder in order to ensure that the South African police can depart in accordance with Mr Vorster's conditions. The whites, for all the extremist comments by Mr Harper and Mr Idensohn, have seen the writing on the wall in Mozambique, and Mr Smith no doubt knows how to let their predicament sink in to preserve his leadership—though he must reckon on trouble in the Front sooner or later.

In the final stages, Britain has to formalize the agreement into law, and this requires an independence conference in normal colonial sense of the handing over of sovereignty. Until then Britain holds a watch ing brief. Mr Callaghan may need an observer in Salisbury again. Merely to note such points is to measure the extraordinary change in Rhodesia in months, even weeks. If the sanctions that have enforced this change are not those that Britain applied in 1965 they do at last assure the validity of the new realism among Rhodesians black and white. There may be crises ahead, but there can be no going back to immobilisme.

costly and time-consuming, and we do not believe we should be justi-fied—particularly with the present drawn to London by its theatre and music, to Stratford and Edinburgh for their festivals, and this (together with the good will from tours abroad by Prospect and other companies) pressure on our training facilities rising from improved recruitmentmust have some effect on the balance of payments. Many countries live by tourism alone, We have little in deploying any of these facilities purely for women part-timers, as Lady Seear is reported to have sugsunshine to offer, but much that is civilized, so long as we don't trade it away for a subsidy on cheese. On the Underground a large number of women already hold jobs as station and booking office staff

"They relieve no hardship"? Nor much space in a letter to the Editor to define "hardship". It is a known factor that in Eastern Europe theatres and opera houses are a welcome relief from overcrowded living conditions and was reaidle. living conditions, and we are rapidly approaching the same state.

Save no lives"? I should have thought many a life has been made more worth living by the discovery of music, theatre and the visual arts and the social activities they bring in their wake. At what point one actually jumps off the edge must be defined by different levels of toler-ance in individuals—but this is a subject to develop at a length that would forbid publication. Of course the word "Arts" itself is a terrible bugaboo. I prefer "recreation", a word that can be looked into closely and still retains its dignity. And would suggest that play and concert going are here analogous to the use of the public library and swimming baths or a walk on the Pennine Way. Yours faithfully, JOHN HARRISON, Director, Leeds Playhouse,

Calverley Street.

December 9.

From Ms Joan Scott

problems. Yours faithfully, JOAN SCOTT, 3 Church Garth, N19.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

of divorcees

From the Bishop of Kingston Sir, Reather Jenner, in commenting the policy in this diocese concerning the remarriage in church of divorced persons, draws attention to the undoubted fact that a number of serious minded and sincere people, especially young people, live together without getting married because they fear that they might not be able to keep their marriage yows which include the promise "to forsake all others so long as ye both shall live". She expresses the h that this yow might be modified.

This kind of cobabitation involves a commitment which, although not unconditional, is heartfelt and serious; and it can, to my know-ledge, lead on to the full commitment of marriage.

None the less it is not possible to

alter this marriage vow, not because of what the Church thinks, but because of the nature of marriage itself. True marriage involves the free and open consent of a couple to take each other without reserve as husband and wife. For public cognizance of a marriage, the vows must of course be taken before witnesses. It is these vows (made, witnesses. It is these yows (made, of course with a proper intention) which bring into being a marriage. To take another person without reserve involves taking him or her for life; and so the yow cannot be altered. Marriage is not only the expression of love, but also of faith and of hope.

Those of us in the Church of

England (in company with the Orthodox churches and the mainstream Protestant churches) who believe that it is right in certain circumstances to remarry people in church wish not to weaken marriage but to strengthen it. The Finer Committee reckoned that in future between 15 per cent and 25 per cent of marriages are likely to end in irretrievable breakdown; and the object of remarriage in church of those who have suffered from such disaster is to help them to begin again and to make a real marriage that does indeed last "until death us do part". Without in any way passing judgment on those who cannot make this life-long commitment (an inability to commit oneself fully to anything or any-body seems to be a sad characteristic of our age), it would be a denial of the true nature of marriage to modify the vows as Heather Jenner suggests.
Yours faithfully,

†HUGH KINGSTON, White Lodge, 23 Bellevue Road, Wendsworth Common, SW17,

Canterbury Cathedral

From the Reverend J. E. James Sir, I read your report (December 6) of the appeal being launched for £3.5m for the restoration of Canterbury Cathedral with some misgiving. I have never been one to decry the need to maintain our ancient build-ings, nor do I undervalue the spiritual importance of churches, but in view of the serious financial plight of many of the parish clergy (a plight not likely to improve in the near future) is it not time for the Church to give serious thought to its priorities?

Is it not time also for the Church to allow the State to assume its responsibility for bearing some of the cost of restoring our great Cathedrals which although the property of the Church of England, belong in a real sense to the whole nation. Yours faithfully,

J. E. JAMES. The Rectory. Woodstock,

From the Rev J. V. Stewart Sir, I am not at all in disfavour of Canterbury Cathedral: In reading, however, of the appeal under very high sponcorship for £3.5 million mgn spontorship for its restoration, and the endowment in perpetuity of its musical foundation, I did wonder if I might seek a very small space in your columns to beseech equivalent spontonion for besteech equivalent spontorship for several characteristics. sorship for some other equally good causes, eg (a) for a church-run agricultural training farm in Northern Madagascar, £3,500 (a thousandth part of the Canterbury total).

I have been trying to find this money for over a year with small success. North Madagascar is very

success. North Madagascar is very fertile, and, in a hungry world, its better cultivation could mean life and health for many people.

Or else (b) for the giving of £3.50 (a millionth part) to the families of Anglican parochial clergy this Christmas. There are some such families which I know where such a sum would make a real difference.

But I am not in disfavour of Can-

But I am not in disfavour of Canterbury Cathedral. Yours sincerely, OHN STEWART. Sibford Gower Vicarage, Banbury, Oxfordshire

Insurance and industry

From Mr W. C. Harris May I add a word in support Mr Macdonald's (Chairman, British Insurance Association) letter (December 5)? Not only did Mr Healey mis-state the extent of the insurance companies' financial involvement in British industry but he also ignored the fact that the in-surance companies' contribution to FFI (Finance for Industry) derived from a voluntary City initiative and not from Government pressure.

Yours faithfully, W. C. HARRIS, Director and Chief General Manager, Phoenix Assurance Company Ltd, Phoenix House, 45 King William Sweet, EC4.

Threat to women's hospital

Sir, Could not the staff of Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital migrate to the Liverpool Road annex of the Royal Free Hospital when the latter's maternity services are re-housed at Hampstead? There is dismay in South Islington at the great loss to the neighbourhood when these facilities are withdrawn. This might be a solution to both

Church remarriage Britain and the Middle East

From Dr Adrian Ziderman

full-page advertisement Shouldn't Britain Come Sir, A headed First?" appearing in The Times on Wednesday raises an important issue of principle. What is the implication of its strong condemnation of charity donations by British citizens to Israel, based on the assertion that these moneys otherwise would be spent here to build more homes, to improve social services, to help

These charity payments so to-wards the amelioration of the lot of Jewish refugees from Arab lands (who, it is not generally realized, constitute a majority of Israel's Jewish population) as well as the Jewish population) as well as the absorption of the victims of persecution in Russia. Is it seriously suggested that charity payments abroad should cease, be they for Jewish refugees in Israel, for Oxfam, Christian Aid, &c, in the desperate hope that this might make some marginal contribution to solving this country's economic difficulties? economic difficulties? (And, of course, it wouldn't.)

While such a narrowly selfish attitude is unacceptable to citizens of this country, it evidently commends itself to those Arab leaders whose vicious use of the oil weapon and accumulation of vast oil revenues continues to inflict economic harm on the people of this country—including the homeless, the users of the social services and pensioners. Their cynical disregard for the immediate welfare of the Palestinian refugees, whose plight could so easily be improved if just a minute proportion of Arab oil moneys were put to this purpose, contrasts with the ready availability of finance for the atrocities perpetrated by Arab terrorists against innocent Israeli citizens.

Yours faithfully, ADRIAN ZIDERMAN, Queen Mary College, Mile End Road, E1,

From Mr Peter Lewis

Sir, The advertisement you publish on behalf of the Committee for Justice in the Middle East has disturbing ramifications.

It would of course be undignified to answer its implication that British Jewry is financing indiscriminate bombing of refugees under the guise

others

moment of very great danger in our relations with Ireland. Unless a new and radically different approach is made by the people and government of this country, the smouldering civil war that has existed ever since the six county province was set up in 1921 will erupt into Britain and tear it apart. If a solution is not found quickly it is logical for this to happen. As Algeria divided France. as its African territories divided Portugal, and as Vietnam divided America, the conflict over Ireland will divide Britain.

We have no doubt that at present the Government is not facing the issue. The speed with which Parliament passed the Protection against Terrorism Act, can be contrasted with the debate a week later on Ireland in the House of Commons. Mr Rees spoke of the forthcoming convention as a way to find the solution which was eluding the Government. But, with the exception of only a few MPs, no one had any doubt that we are drifting towards a situation 'n which we will be confronted at the convention with the intransigent demands of the Ulster Unionists. The "solution" will be a choice between handing over power to Messrs Paisley, West and Craig, or continuing with direct rule. Either way means continued violence and repression.

recognize is a truth that is basic to any real solution. The violence in Northern Ireland is the result of repression. For the majority of the people of Ireland, rule by the British army is no more tolerable was, and the Emergency Provisions
Art which interns people without trial is no more acceptable than the Special Powers Act that preceded it. In every one of the 53 years since the province was created, there has repressive legislation in force.

'Duke of Orleans's mistress?

From Mr John Ros

Sir, In identifying a qualified male chauvinism in Delacroix's "The Duke of Orleans showing his Mistress to the Duke of Eurgundy", Mr Paul Overy (the Arts, December 3) has not observed an important detail in the relationship between the "His mistress lies naked on the bed and her lover has drawn up the sheet so that it hides her face and the top part of her body, but leaves her exposed from the waist downward. The Duke of Burgundy . . . stands beside the bed inspecting what is revealed with obvious approval."

What he does not tell us is that the lady, as well as being the Duke of Orleans's mistress, is the Duke of Burgundy's wife. Hence the necessity of concealing her face. The piquant irony of these circumstances, which must count for something in interpreting the attitudes of the two men visa-vis the girl and each other (to say nothing of her complicity), is not quite brought out by Mr Overy's description: "Nevertheless he reveals a sympathetic tenderness in the way he shows the girl clutching her arms around herself in embarrassment or shame underneath the sheet." Naturally ! "For we see what the Duke of Burgundy does not see. Indeed.

A version of the story, explaining how the trio got themselves into the situation we see them in, can be found in Ralph Ginzburg's An Unburried View of Erotica. Yours faithfully, JOHN ROE, Vanbrugh College, University of York, Heslington, York

the Inland Revenue. There is nothing intrinsically new

of charity, and at the expense of

in this piece of propaganda, which stands squarely in succession to the works of Dr Goebbels and others. Understandably, the Jewish com-munity is sensitive to and resentful of suggestions that its loyalty to Great Britain is somehow attenuated by the close relationship which some of its members have with Israel. But there is a wider issue involved also. In the present world crisis democracies are beginning to fray at their edges, struggling to control the elements which seek their destruction without resorting to the gun. Scapegoat politics—and anti-semitism in particular—are in our century the first obvious symptoms of a rotting society. It will be no harder for the extremists in our own midst to strike the chords of bitterness and prejudice than it will be for those who seek to promote a just cause by means of gutter tactics.

Many Jews, and many Gentiles
too, find it incomprehensible that

Mr Arafat has acquired a hero's status. If the advertisement to which I referred attracts sympathetic attention we must all realize, before it is too late, the road we are taking, and remember where it leads. Yours faithfully, PETER LEWIS.

101 Hornsey Lane, N6.

From Mr N R. Kelscy Sir, I was most upset and disturbed to read the advertisement on behalf of the Committee for Justice for

the Middle East. More disturbing, however, is the fact that a newspaper of your standing should accept and print what can only be considered as antiseminic propaganda. Yours faithfully.

N. R. KELSEY, 44 Welbeck Street, W1.

From Mr Leonard Merson Sir, Your leader today (December 12) is sheer hypocrisy. One advert is political, the other is racial, and you have neither the decency nor the dignity to recognize the difference

LEONARD A. MERSON. 14 Silverthorn Drive, Longdean Park, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire,

people of Ireland must decide their

own future. There can be no more

The real problem to which we have to address ourselves is not how

to cling to power in Ireland, but how to relinquish it. Only a foolish

person would say that is an easy matter. But the fact that it is

matter. But the fact that it is going to be complex to negotiate our withdrawal should not be used as an excuse for the continued policy of

A government that acts on principle and is forthright will win the support of the people of this country, as well as of the Irish people, A great deal can be done to persuade the Universe of the

six counties to think again, when

they talk of reprisals and seek to intimidate those who question what they believe to be their right to

on finding a political structure that does not depend on British arms and money to make it viable. The

important thing is that the Govern-

ment should make clear its inten-

done. A new chapter must be opened in our relations with Ireland.

We must respect the rights of the people of Ireland as a sovereign nation within the terms of the United Nations Charter. We should

begin by ending internment without trial. It is urgent that the people of Britain show themselves able and

willing to make this kind of approach, rather than to descend in-

to a vorter of more violence and

more repression. We invite all of those who agree with us to write to us at the House of Commons and

This we believe is what must be

the convention is held.

persuade the Unionists of the

Their future also depends

British made solutions.

drift.

It is with this that we in Britain Northern Ireland are identified. The second basic truth is that the

From Miss Joan Maynard, Labour MP for Sheffield, Brightside, and Sir, In our view we are poised at a

What the Government refuses to

King of the Cocos

MARTIN FLANNERY,

we undertake to respond.

JOAN MAYNARD, STAN THORNE, MAUREEN COLQUHOUN, EDDIE LOYDEN,

Yours sincerely,

TEFF ROOKER,

House of Commons.

Prom the Reverend A. G. Macintyre Sir. Your report (The Times, Nov-ember 26) "UN call to break the power of the 'King of the Cocos'" will have been read with astonish-ment and dismay by those who had the honour and happiness to serve in his Majesty's Forces in the Cocos-Keeling Islands in 1945.

The inhabitants then struck us as among the most contented people in the world. The old, the children and the sick were cared for by the community. There was work for all the able-bodied and a free house for every family. Every adult was a member of Parliament (the weekly "court" held in the open air). There was no money, and hence no cur-rency or inflation problems. Most of our infectious diseases (including VD) were unknown. There were no prisons, no police, no locks on doors, no strikes, no violence.

It was an harmonious multi-racial society. The part played by the Clumes Ross family was a skilful balancing of the islands' economy—copra exports paying for imports of food which this coral atoli could be compared to the could be compared to the could be compared to the coral atoli could be compared to the coral atolic could be coral atolic co not grow. The system could be described as benevolent paternalism or as practical communism—"from each according to his ability; to each according to his need ".

If in the past 30 years this idylic community has really lapsed into colonialism, neo-feudalism, and slavery, this is a great pity. But the imposition of the Australian dollar, compulsory education by fereigners, and conformity to the present way of life of the rest of the world would be a tragedy.

Yours, etc. ANGUS MACINTYRE, Harborne Vicarage, Old Church Road,

Closed shop for engineers

From Mr Denis Sweaney Sir. The adverse effects of a restora-tion of the "closed-shop" will extend far beyond the newspaper

industry.
Engineers remember that ar executive engineers employed by C. A. Parsons into membership of TASS was defeated only by a combination of action through the courts and by the introduction of safe-guards contained in the Industrial Relations Act 1971.

The deletion of the so called

· Lever " "Lever" amendments from the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act is likely to create the opportuni-ties for widespread extensions of the "closed-shop". All that will stand between the professional and execubetween the professional and executive engineers and compulsory membership of a union with a closed-shop policy is either the willingness and ability of their employers to say "no" or their own willingness to be tough and give stronger backing to their own professional associations.

The right of professional groups to belong to an organization of their own devising is more than an issue of freedom of choice. The engineering profession will not be able to attract suitable recruits unless its general standing is improved. The President of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers said in his recent Presidential Lecture "I believe that the reluctance of really bright six-formers to enter the technically based professions and engincering in particular, is one of the most serio is long-term problems we face". He also referred with approval to the statement of a previous President which included the words a technologically based words a technologically based enterprise which fails to retain adequate technological expertise is foredoomed to eventual failure, whatever the brilliance of its

management One of the ways of improving the profession is to ensure that it has a stronger voice in industry and in public affairs. To do so it needs to organize itself. It should work out a harmonious working relationship with craft-based unions and with multi-disciplinary unions but it should not be absorbed by them and thereby lose all identity.

It is not too late for the Government's amending Bill to be modified. Yours faithfully. DENIS SWEANEY. General Secretary. Association of Supervisory & Executive Engineers.

Wix Hill Pouse. West Horsley, Surrey,

Conserving museum pieces From Mr Max Hebditch

Sir, Graham Thomas (letters, December 6) rightly draws attention to the need to raise money for rescue archaeology from developers them-selves. This is especially important when the economic situation restricts central and local Government expenditure. However, it is not enough that there should be ade quate funds to record the evidence from the ground; it is equally im-portant that sufficient finance is available to meet the ongoing need to conserve the resulting flood of

antiquities and records. . This association is only too aware that most museums do not have the buildings, laboratories and staff to do this properly; it is also aware that the response of the Department of Education and Science to this problem is not encouraging. In the current financial year the Department of the Environment has allocated £1,063,000 in grants towards excavation and publication. A similar figure is needed by museums to meet the burden this thrusts upon

them.

The help offered by the Dopartment of Education and Science this year has been an increased grant to Area Museum Service (each serving groups of automateur). groups of autonomous museums) and thus indirectly their conservation laboratories; but these are not adequate even to meet the existing needs of museums. Consideration also being given to providing financial assistance from central Government funds to projects designed to improve facilities at museums of more than local significance; but this will not pay for extra rented accommodation needed now. In fact, Government assistance falls well short of the recommendations of the Wright Committee on Provincial Museums, which reported in February 1972 in February, 1973.

Until museums can accept, conserve and store the products of excavation, a great archive of national history must inevitably deteriorate or disappear. If developers can help finance this aspect of rescue archaeology then it may be possible not only to recover the past but also to preserve it for the future. Yours faithfully, MAX HEBDITCH,

Chairman, Information Committee of The Museums Association, As from The Museums Association, 87 Charlotte Street, W1.

Honey from road verges From Mr Anthony Armstrong Sir, Miss Kenyon in her letter

(December 3) says that the answer to "the absence of bees among white clover on the Al might be the absence of hives within bees' flying capacity when loaded".

Would it not be more correct to say when unloaded, because no bees could then ever reach the clover? There could easily be hives within the laden and unladen range of bees and this would result in a very contrary situation. Far from at absence of bees at the A1 site there would be an increased number due to bees circling the clover field trying to shed enough load to make their return journey possible. There would also be other stupider bee who had misguidedly taken off with full load and had had to force-land before completing their mission. Al absence of bees being at the hive

Yours faithfully. ANTHONY ARMSTRONG. Sadlers End, Three Gates Lane, Maslemere, Surrey.

on a full-time basis,



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 12: His Excellency Señor Ricardo Parrales Sanchez and Señora Parrales Sánchez were received in farewell audience by The Queen this morning and took leave upon His Excellency relinreare upon this excellency reinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Nicaragua to the Court of St

Mr Arnold Smith, Secretary General of the Commonwealth, had the honour of being received by

The Queen gave a Reception at Buckingham Palace this evening at which Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips were present. The Prince of Wales this afternoon travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight to open the Sonv (UK) Limited factory at Bridgend, Glamorgan. His Royal Highness subsequently

attended the Royal Premiere in Wates of Murder on the Orient Express at the Olympia Theatre, Cardiff, followed by a Reception at Mid Glamorgan County Hall.

Squadron Leader David Checketts was in attendance. was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE December 12: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, a Master of the Middle Temple, was pleased to dine with her fellow Benchers at the Middle Temple this evening. The Dowager Viscountess Hambleden and Captain Alastair Aird were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

December 12: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester as Joint Patron of the Dominion Students' Hall Trust attended a reception this evening at London House, Mecklenburgh Square.
Miss Jennifer Thomson was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE. YORK HOUSE.
ST JAMES'S PALACE
December 12: The Duchess of
Kent. as Patron. was present this
afternoon at the "Not Forgotten"
Association's Christmas Party at
the Royal Mews, Buckingham

Palace. Mrs Alan Henderson was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK December 12: Princess Alexandra this afternoon travelled to Glasgow in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight where Her Royal Highness opened the new Centre for Scottish

Television.
This evening, Princess Alexandra was present at a charty ball, organized by the Rotary Club of Glasgow in aid of the Scottish Council for the Care of Spastics, at the City Chambers.
The Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh will lunch with the National Coal Board at Hobart House, Grosvenor Place, on December 18.

Birthdays today

Lord Alexander of Potterhill, 69; Hon- Sir George Bellew. 75; Sir Alan Bullock, 60; Mr Glen Byam Shaw, 70; Sir John Dean, 75; Sir Evelyn Hone, 63; Professor W. H. McCrea, 70; Mr John Piper, 71; Sir John Pope-Hennessy, 61.

University news

Oxford The Charles Oldham Shakespeare Prize awarded to I. K. McGilchrist, PDZE awarden to I. R. McGittinst, New College.
MERTON COLLEGE: Sir Lenrox Berkey.
BA. Hon DMusic, commoner of the college, 1922-1926, and Professor J. M. Walkee-Hadrill, MA. Dikt. Chichel Professor of Modern History and fellow of All Souls, formerly research fellow of Miston College have been elected to homorary fellowships.

Professor A. G. Mackie, Professor W. H. Walsh and Professor S. B. Saul are to be vice-principals for three years.

CHELSEA COLLEGE: A grant of £152,550 has been received from the Science Research Council.

Appointments: Mr E. L. Britton, general secretary of the National

Archbishop of Canterbury

Edinburgh

?estal Evensong to welcome the tew Archbishop of Canterbury will be held in Westminster Abbey at 25, on Saturday, January 25, 7.00 on Saturday, January 25, 975. Applications for tickets hould be made as soon as posible, enclosing a stamped ddressed envelope, to the Reeiver General, 21 Dean's Yard,
ondon SW1P 3PA. Some seats
vill be available for non-ticket

The Leys School

he governors have appointed Mr 1. T. Bellis, Principal of Daniel tewart's and Melville College, dinburgh, to be Headmaster of he Leys School from September He will succeed Mr V. A. Barker, who becomes officials, and by the recent House of Commons debate and the public chool, Hampstead, on that date. V. A. Barker, who becomes

25 years ago

From The Times of Tuesday, December 13, 1949 From Our Parliamentary

Correspondent Mr Strachey's sudden departure ou Sunday on an unexpected visit to the Overseas Food Corporation's staffs in Tanganyika was the subject of much political curiosity yes-terday, but the only new fact that became known was that the Minis-ter had a talk with the Prime Minister on Friday at which his manster on Friday at which in proposed visit was approved. More may be heard about the reasons for this wist from Government spokesmen in tomorrow's House of Lords debate on the groundnut

There is little doubt that further uneastness has been caused among the Corporation's executives in Tanganyika by the recent dismissal of two members of the board, by the resignation of other prominent

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of honour was Mr John Whitehorn

among other guests were:
The High Commissioners of Malaysia and Shigapore and their trade commissioners in the Agent for the Brune! Government Mr J. S. Rooks and Mr C. W. Squire.

The chairman, Mr G. A. Loveday, and council of the Stock Exchange held their Christmas luncheon to Mr Edmund Dell, Paymaster General, and Mr Gordon Richardson Covernor of the Payle of

son, Governor of the Bank of England, at the Stock Exchange on Wednesday. Those present

Law Society
The Lord Chaucellor attended a dinner given by the president of the Law Society, Mr E. H. S. Singleton, the vice-president and the council at the society's hall last night. Others present included: The French Ambassador, the Lord Chief Justice. the Master of the Roils. Viscount Dilhorne, Lord Morris of Borthy-Gest. Lord Justice Sarman. Lord Justice Payne, Mr Justice Thesiger. Mr Justice Payne, Mr Justice Thesiger. Mr Justice Payne, Mr Justice Thesiger. Mr Justice Thesia Mr Justice Thesi

The president of the Hispanic and Luso Brazilian Council, Lord Chalfont, presided at a dinner given last night at 6 Belgrave Square in honour of the Latin American ambassadors. The guest-of honour was Lord Wolfenden.

The Fan Makers' Company held their livery dinner yesterday even-ing at the Mansion House, when

National Dock Labour Board

National Liberal Club

the board and its predecessor, the National Dock Labour Corporation, last evening at the board's head-quarters on the Albert Embank-

The political and economic circle of the National Liberal Club gave a dinner last night to Mr Richard

Mr B. J. D. Collins and Miss V. E. Wilson The engagement is announced between Jamie, younger son of the late Licutenant-Colonel Brian Abdy Collins, OBE, MC, and Lady Abdy Collins, OBE. MC. and Lady de Mauley, of Langford House, Little Faringdon, Lechlade, Gloucestershire, and Virginia (Doki), youngest daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel H. M. Wilson, MC. and Mrs H. M. Wilson, of Liwyn Einon, Llangammarch Wells, Powys.

Mr J. M. J. Darke and Miss J. J. Reid

The engagement is announced between Jamie, only son of Commander Norman Darke, QPM, and Mrs Darke, of 5 Islet Park House, Maidenhead, Berkshire, and Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs James Reid, of 6 Avenue Guillaume, Luxembourg.

Captain T. R. Hamilton-Baillie and Miss M. J. A. S. von Senger and Etterlin

The engagement is aunounced between Thomas, elder sox of Brigadier J. R. E. Hamilton-Baillie, MC. and Mrs Hamilton-Baillie, of Parton House Hamilton-Baillie, of Rectory House, Stanford-in-the-Vale, Oxfordshire, and Marina, Vale. Oxfordshire, and Marina, daughter of Generalmajor Dr jur and Frau von Senger und Etterlin, of Am Südpark 9, Cologne, West

Mr M. F. Rathbone and Miss S. A. Lloyd

The engagement is announced between Michael Francis, younger son of Mr and Mrs P. W. Rathbone, of Tree Tops, Woolton, Liverpool, and Sara Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. E. Lloyd, of Duddon Hunt's Cross, Liverpool. on Wednesday. Those present were:
Lord Aldington, Sir Douglas Allen, Mr M. E. R. Allsopp, the Hon John Baring, Mr J. O. Bair-Comynghame, Mr A. U. Clark, Mr John M. Glay, Mr A. U. Clark, Mr John M. Glay, Mr Paul Dixey. Sir Robort Erskine-Hill. Mr Robort Fell, Sir Archibald Forbes, Mr L. Robort Fell, Sir Archibald Forbes, Mr L. M. Garnett-Orne. Mr Kennesh Mr Garnett-Orne. Mr Kennesh Mr Garnett-Orne. Mr Kennesh Mr M. Macdonaid, Mr Griff Kleinwort, Mr A. Macdonaid, Mr Griff Kleinwort, Mr M. Macdonaid, Mr Griff Kleinwort, Mr M. Palemountain, Sir Antony Fart, Sir John Prideaux, Mr N. J. Roboon, Sir Erkc Roll, Mr Walter H. Saiomon, Mr Philip Sheibourne, Mr G. F. M. P. Thompson, Sir Peter Thornton, Mr A. F. Take, Mr M. T. Turnbull, Mr John G. Vanghan, Mr Michael J. Verry, Mr Charles H. Villiers, Mr D. W. G. Wass and Sir Philip ds Zujueta.

Dr J. M. Ritter and Dr Anne Dornborst The engagement is announced be-tween James, son of the late Dr E. C. Ritter and of Mrs S. Ritter, now of Brighton, and Anne, daugh-

ter of Professor and Mrs A. C. Dornhorst, of London. The mar-riage will take place quietly in Oxford on Christmas Eve. Mr D. P. Wells

and Miss M. Morris The engagement is aunounced between David Patrick, son of Mr and Mrs J. A. Wells, and Michele, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs H. W. Morris.

Marriages

Hon C. H. R. Fortescue and Miss J. B. Sowrey The marriage took place at Chelsea Old Church yesterday of the Hon Charles Fortescue, son of Viscount Ebrington, of The Old Farm, Swinbrook. Oxfordshire, and the late Viscountess Ebrington, and Miss Julia Sowrey, elder daughter of Air Commodore and Mrs J. A. Sowrey, of Aldgate, Ketton, Rutland. The Rev C. E. Leighton Thomson officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by the Hon Laura and the Hon Sarah Fortescue, Robert Sinclair, Daniel Stewart and Chloe Stewart. Mr David Henderson was best man.
A reception was held at the Hyde Park Hotel and the honeymoon is

being spent abroad. Mr J. Hudson-Lyons and Mrs R. J. Hudson

The marriage took place quietly at Caxton Hall, London yesterday Caxton Hall, London yesterday between Mr John Hudson-Lyons, of Holmefield, Wonersh, Surrey, and Mrs Rosemary June Hudson, of Court House, Wonersh, Surrey, Lieutenant-Colonel Neville Lyons and Mr Richolas Hudson were witnesses. A small reception was later held at Quaglino's banqueting

Union of Teachers, to be senior

research fellow in education

Ulster
Dr Paul Christophersen, a reader
in English, has been appointed to
a personal chair in English, the
first such appointment since the
university opened in 1968.

Latest grants include £5,000 for
the new theatre found from the
Gulbenkian Foundation. bringing
the total promised to £30,000.

The following students have been awarded first class honours degrees

Marsh, chairman of British Rail. Mr Cyrll Smith, MP, was in the chair, and a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr R. Detainy. in the following subjects: St Gregory's Society The annual dinner of St Gregory's Society was held at the Park Lane Hotel last night. Sir Patrick O'Connor presidend and the Abbot and headmaster of Downside

in the following subjects:

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Electrical engineering: M. S. Rogers,
Stafford C of E: K. R. Chaplain Saitley

GS: M. J. Mwandosya. Dar-es-Salaam
Fech C: K. Taylor. Tividale Comp S.
Production engineering: R. Gilheamy F
Googh GS, Scumhorpe: R. E. Reeves,
K Edward GS, Balb.
Mechanical engineering: R. C. Drury,
K Edward VI S. Aston: P. Hartley,
Manor S, Wednesbury: M. Haziehurst.
Did Swinford Hosp. Stourbridge: C.
Metcalfe, Cliberd S. Colchester: P.
C. Wood, Golden Hillock Sec S. Bir
mingham: N. Menn. Portsmouth GS. School were the speakers. Dom Patrick Barry, headmaster of Ampleforth College, was among

Supper

British Council A visit to the Royal Ballet at the Royal Opera House and a supper party afterwards at Rules Restaurant were given yesterday by the British Council on the

occasion of the Anglo-Bulgarian Cultural Talks. The host was Dr J. F. H. Villiers, British Council, and Mrs Villiers.

Christening

The infant daugiter of Mr and Mrs Wallace Duncan Smith was christened Michaela Sara Hildebrand at Holy Trinity, Brompton, by the Rev R. J. W. Morris, vicar, on December 8, 1974. The godparents are Mr and Mrs Ronald Blackman, Surrey, and Mrs Paul Szasz, Toronto, Canada.

Princess Alexandra, as president will be present at an entertainment to benefit the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind, at Marlborough House on December

Candlesticks Mr Fred Peart, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, was host at a luncheon held by her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House yesterday in honour of ministers and delegates attending the sugar discussions. The Prime Ministers of Fiji and Mauritius were present.

a record £38,000

The highlight of a sale of English and foreign silver at Sotheby's Mr John Graut, Parliamentary Secretary at the Ministry of Over-seas Development, was host at a Luncheon at Admiralty House yes-sterday in honour of Mr P. A. Bramble, Chief Minister of Montyesterday was a superb pair of Charles II candiesticks by Jacob Bodendick, dated 1669. They were bought by How of Edinburgh, for 538,000, which must be a record price at auction for any pair of English candlesticks. The candlesticks, 12½ inches high, are in almost pristine condition.

The annual luncheon of the Malaysia-Singapore Commercial Association was held yesterday at the Savoy Hotel. Mr John Wilson, president, was the host. The guest almost pristine condition.

Another very high price was £5,200 (How of Edinburgh) for a fine set of 12 William III trifid spoons by Joyce Issod, dated 1698. These were also in excellent condition. Other prices included £5,000 for an early George I octagonal coffee pot by R. Timbrell and B. Rentley, 1714, and £3,400 for a Oueen Anne baluster tea kettle on deputy director-general of the Con-federation of British Industry, and Queen Anne baluster tea kettle on a lamp stand by David Willaume the elder, 1708,

Several European buyers were at the sale and prices for European silver were particularly buoyant.
An early eighteenth-century Italian
helmet-shaped ewer made in Genoa
about 1720 fetched £3,800.
In Sotheby's sale of European

works of art and majolica, two south German enamelied gold jewels from the second half of the south German enametien gold jewels from the second half of the sixteenth century fetched £12,000 and £11,500. A pair of Anstrian polychrome wood figures of monk saints by Christian Greiner, dated 1732, fetched £5.500, and an attractive Urbino dish painted in the manner of Nicola Pellipario, about 1530 to 1540, went for £3,700.

At Sotheby's, Chancery Lane, the first part of a sale of printed books realized £16,359. Loomans paid £1,200 for Sanson's Atlas Nouneau. . . Volume One, 1692, bound with Adair's Description of the Sea-Coast and Islands of Scotland . . . Part One, 1703.

At Sotheby Parke/Bernet, New York, on Wednesday, a sale of important jewelry realized £522,157. A pink diamond ring, a custion-shaped pink diamond was plant for the sea-Coast and Islands of Scotlands of Scotland . . . Part One, 1703.

custion-shaped pink diamond ring, a custion-shaped pink diamond weighing about 15.85 carats was sold for E57,940, and a diamond ring centring a marquise-shaped diamond of about 8.40 carats fetched £21,459.

Gilded stools: a pair of unusual Regency white-painted and gilded stools which came up for sale at Christle's yesterday are to be split up to go to two different museums.

up to go to two different museums. One of the stools, carved with simulated drapery falling over the sides in fringed folds, will go to the Victoria and Albert Museum,



A group of figures from the Baron Weinesberg Collection of New Guinea Primitive Art which will be up for auction at Bonham's today.

while the other is to go to Temple Newsam, Leeds. They were bought by Mr Ronald Lee, the London dealer, on behalf of the museums for £1,785. The stools were sent for sale by Mrs Nancy Lancaster.

The sale of English and Continental furniture, Eastern rugs and carpets, saw several items sell for well over their estimated prices.

The top price was the £2,415 paid by Feruandez Marche for an early George III giltwood mirror in the style of Thomas Chippendale (estimate £1,200 to £1,500).

£48,148 for stamps: The second day of Stanley Gibbons's three-day of Crippen was sold for £42.

The Pope will proclaim six new saints, including an American, during Holy Year our ardent desire, for all peoples

Rome, Dec 12.—The Pope Pope actually read out the right announced today that he will or wrong date at the consistory. proclaim six new saints, including the first to be born in the United States, during the 1975 Holy Year.

ing at the Mansion House, when the Master and Mrs Colin Gray, the Wardens and their ladies and the Court of Assistants entertained members of the livery and their friends to meet the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs. The speakers were the Lord Mayor, the Foreign Warden and Mr Cyril Ray, Among those present were: The Pontiff, marking the twentieth anniversary of his ordination as Archbishop of Milan, told cardinals in a special consistory that he hoped the examples of the new saints would help to bring better days for the church and the world. and Mr Cyril Ray, Among those present were:
The Belgian Ambassador, the Bishop of London and Mrs Ellison, Alderman Sir Cilbert and Lady Inglefield, the Master of the Barbers' Company and Mrs Milnes-Walker, the President Roval Academy of Music and Lady Lewis, the Pro-Vice Chancellor of the Cranfield Institute of Technology and Mrs Saunders, the president, HEVAC Association, and Mrs Harley, the Dean, Polytechnic of the South Bank, and Mrs Scott, and the Clerk and Mrs E. J. H. Geffen.

The canonization of the Blessed Mother Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton, a Protestant-born widow from New York who founded the Order of the Sisters of Charity and pioneered the United States parochial school system, was set

case' MP urges

a special

Other new saints included the Blessed Oliver Plumkett, a Primate of Ireland who was banged, drawn and quartered near London in 1681, two Spaniards, a Spanishborn Peruvian and an Italian missionary who served and died in

The dates for their canonizations were spread through the 1975 Holy Year, a period of pilgrimage and prayer that the Borne III. rear, a period of pligrimage and prayer that the Pope will open on Christmas Eve by tapping a bricked-up door of St Peter's Basilica with a hammer.

The Pope said it was customary have several canonizations in Holy Year "so believers may be more effectively incited to a Christian renovation of their way of life by the examples of the

and nations." The first canonization was set The first canonization was set for May 25 for the Blessed Juan Bantista de la Concepción, the eighteenth century founder of the Reformed Brothers of the Holy Irinity, and Vincencia Maria López Vicuna, who founded the Daughters of Mary Immaculate. Both were Spaniards.

The proclamation of sainthood The proclamation of sainthood

for Blessed Juan Macias, a Spanish-born Dominican friar in seventeenth century Peru, was set for September 28, that of Archbishop Plunkert for October 12 and that of Giustino de Jacobis, an Italian missionary in Ethiopia, for Octo-ber 26 ber 26.

oer 26.

The Pope also appointed Cardinal Franjo Seper of Yugoslavia to succeed the late Cardinal Ildebrando Antoniutti as chamberlain National Dock Labour Board

The chairman and members of the National Dock Labour Board entertained previous members of the board and its predecessor, the National Dock Labour Corporation, National Dock Labour Corporation, as Sunday. It did not say if the National Dock Labour Corporation, National Dock Labour Board Sunday. It did not say if the National Dock Labour Board Sunday. It did not say if the National Dock Labour Board Sunday. It did not say if the National Dock Labour Board Sunday. It did not say if the National Dock Labour Board Sunday. It did not say if the National Dock Labour Board Sunday. It did not say if the National Dock Labour Board Sunday. It did not say if the National Dock Labour Board Sunday. It did not say if the National Dock Labour Board Sunday. It did not say if the National Dock Labour Board Sunday. It did not say if the National Dock Labour Board Sunday. It did not say if the National Dock Labour Board Sunday. It did not say if the National Dock Labour Corporation, National Dock Labou of the Sacred College: This is a

Make art budget Highlands board plans to 'nationalize' an island

By Our Arts Reporter Mallaig
Negotiations are well advanced for the "nationalization" of the island of Eigg, with a population of 40, off the west coast of Scotland. If the offer by the Highlands and Islands Development Board, believed to be about £250,000, is accepted, the 7,500 acres of pasture and mooriand will become a facel point for social Mr Norman St John-Stevas, Opposition spokesman on the arts, called yesterday for a 5 per cent minimum growth rate over the next two years in public spending on the arts, with additional grants for 1975-76 and 1976-77 of £6.7m and £9m respectively.

He said: "I should like to see become a focal point for social surgery by the board. Eigg was bought about three

He said: "I should like to see a return to the Conservative 10 per cent growth rate, and this could be done if the Cabinet were to decide that the arts should be made a special case. They should be. The sums involved are small compared with the vast sums

spent in other spheres, and the return is great." return is great."

In a private member's motion calling for the exemption of works of art from capital transfer and wealth taxes, Mr Airey Neave said it would encourage patronage of living artists as well as helping to keep works of art in Britain. He hoped to have the motion dehated today.

The motion also calls for government action to preserve historic houses and their art collections and to support university and provincial museums, galleries and exhibitions to preserve art treasures for public enjoyment.

Today's engagements

The Prince of Wales carries out engagements in connexion with The Prince of Wales's Committee for Wales in Bangor, Gwynedd, 9.
The Duke of Gloucester attends twenty-first anniversary luncheon of the Modular Society, Savoy Hotel, 12.30.
The Duchess of Kent, Colonel in Chief, takes Army Catering Corps passing-out parade, Aldershot, 10.30.
St Margaret's Historical Society:

shot, 10.30.

St Margaret's Historical Society:
Mr Max Hebditch speaks on
"The New Museum of London". St Margaret Pattens,
Eastcheap, 1.10.
The Poetry Society: "A Reading
for Christmas", 21 Earls Court
Source, 7.30.

Square, 7.30.

Latest wills

Mrs Jessie Winifred Eldridge, of Goring by Sea, left £58,483 net (duty paid £7,358). She left £10,000 (duty paid £7,358). She left £10,000 to the Imperial Carker Research Fund, and other specific bequests. Other estates include (net, before duty paid; further duty may be payable on some estates); Bedford, Jacqueline Sylvia, of Market Stainton, Lincolnshire (duty paid, £12,150) ... £74,304 Chamning, Mr James Cullen, of Coventry (duty paid, £11,915) ... £87,845

Farrer, Lady, of King Sterndale, Derbyshire, widow of the third baron (duty paid, £33,391) £94,620 baron (duty paid, £33,531) 294,620 Hurst, Mr Frederick Williams, of North Kelsey Moor, Humberside (duty paid, £621) . £72,894 Smith, Mr Cyril James, the planist, of East Sheen, London (no duty shown) £19,110 Watson, Mr John Herbert, of Priors Marston, Warwickshire (duty paid, £1.400) ... £79,406 .. £79,406

£87,845

on the island is properly farmed. It would encourage the return of young people to offset the largely elderly population.

When Eigg came onto the mar-

ket, Mr Ross, Secretary of State for Scotland, authorised the High-lands board to bid for the island. On Rassay, an island near Skye, another controversial landlord has

another controversial landlord has attracted the Highlands board into the land market. Dr John Green, of Cooden, Sussex, bought 250 acres of the island about 12 years ago. The deal with the Scottish Department of Agriculture and Fisheries also included Raasay House, once a magnificent building with a famous view of the Inner Hebrides. The view remains but the house has suffered severely Eigg was bought about three years ago for £89,000 by the Anglyn Trust, which had ambitious plans to open an adventure centre for handicapped boys on the island. A school in Sussex owned by the trust was closed after the Department of Education had ordered local but the house has suffered severely authorities not to send children

but the house has suffered severely from neglect.

What has most irritated the islanders and Inverness County Council is Dr Green's strong opposition to having a car ferry terminal built on his land. The ferry, they believe, would help the island to generate more work and a stronger community.

Eng. Center projects for reviving the island included a leisure centre and light industry. Since they were the type of projects the Highlands board had a direct interest in fostering, the trust applied for financial help. After investigation, the board rejected the application. It clearly now regards its bid to buy the island as a rescue operation for the island's small community. But the board also believes that Eigg has good potential as a holiday centre. If the deal goes through, the island will represent the board's biggest single investment.

As landlord and development authority it would be in a position of self-assistance and it is likely to encourage fishing from Eigg and ensure that the good pasture island to generate more work and a stronger community.

The board has been criticized for not using compulsory purchase powers to secure the terminal. But already that has been shown to be no easy solution for a compulsory purchase order by the county council approved by the Secretary of State for Scotland is wandering into further litigation because Dr Green has appealed against it.

The Highlands board is negotiating with Dr Green to buy his holding on Raasay, including mineral rights so that it can begin another case of West Highland social surgery. social surgery.

Not Forgotten' Association

The Duchess of Kent, patron of the "Not Forgotten" Association, cut the Christmas cake at the annual Christmas party of the association held at the Royal Riding School, Buckingham Palace, for disabled ex-Sprice then and ex-Service men and women yesterex-service men and women yester-day. Mr Alec Jones, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of Smie, Depart-ment of Health and Social Security, addressed the company. A concert, arranged by Miss Anona Winn, was given during the afternoon. Those taking part included Mr Frankie Howerd, Lulu, Mr Patrick Moore, Mr Michael Flanders and Mr Donald Swann.

there.

The difficulties facing the trust ran all the way down the line to Eigg. Other projects for reviving the island included a leisure centre

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr G. Thirlwall, a planning and
transport consultant, and Mr J. Catlow, a former under-secretary with the Department of the En-vironment, to study the measure-ment and analysis of the environmental impact of development proposals.

The Rev Dr Kenneth Slack, Minister of the City Temple, Holborn Viaduct, to be director of Christian Aid. Mr Martin Bax, Boots area manager for Eastern Europe, to be associate director. Mr Raymond V. Coleman to be director of the National Child-

birth Trust.

New recorders

The Right Rev Hugh Lindsay, aged 47, is to be Roman Catholic Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, the Pope amounced in Rome yesterday. He is president of the Laity Commission; a vice-president of the Mass Media Commission; and chairman of the Catholic Information Office.

British music award Mr Francis Routh, artistic director

of the Redcliffe Concerts of British Music, is to be presented with an award on Saturday by the British Guild of Composers for services to British music. The society is the only one whose express purpose is the performance of works by British composers.

The Queen is to appoint the fol-

lowing recorders under the Courts ACI:
Mr B. H. Anns. OC. Mr D. Barker.
Mr B. M. Cowley. OC. Mr P. J.
Crawford. Mr R. H. Gurtis, Mr J. T. R.
Davidson. Mr O. T. Edwards. Mr
R. L. A. Golf. OC. Mr J. K. Core,
Mr H. G. A. Gosling. Mr A. W.
Hamilton. OC. Mr G. M. Hamilton.
Mr R. C. Hamilton. Mr A. C. W.
Hordern. Mr G. W. Humphries. Mr
N. F. Ervine. OC. Mr R. B. Lauriston.
Miss G. M. Lewis, Mr M. J. W. Marsh.
Mr F. M. Potter. Mr S. A. Stanler.
OC. Mr C. S. Stoart-White. Mr P. J. M.
Thomas. OC. Mr S. B. Thomas. Mr
M. B. Ward. Mr C. D. G. P. Waud.
Mr P. Weitzman. QC.

Catholic bishop named

MR ROLF LEFEBVRE

A voice known to millions

and early fifties, including leading part in the film Cou Five and Die.

About this time he work

many films of the late forti.

say that he was overgenerous is accept, he decided to appear : more in the visual media. not to say enough. He gave He was not a flexible acre excessively both from himself just as he was not a flexit man. But, properly cast, the was none to equal him and h Born in 1916 in South-West many performances over may nesburg, he came to Britain, aged 17, to study at RADA. After leaving the academy he years gave pleasure and e lightenment to millions of l teners. His humour, which w

country, not returning to his native land until 1940. Once home he soon achieved recog-Towards his art he had r nition as an actor and as a radio he was, surprisingly, possesse of a delicious terchiness, Vanne/Gwen Frangcon-Davies
Company and played many successful leading roles with them,
most notably Rakitin in Month quality which, for sly amus ment, it was hard not to pr

Equally hard was it not imitate his highly individualist pattern of speech. For the who knew him it will be impe sible to ask for a gin or to sa "Hello dear" in quite the san

MRS HANA BENESOVA

of the former President of the Czechoslovak Republic, has died, as already reported briefly in The Times.

As a child, she lost her mother and her father, a minor railway official, and was brought up by an aunt who watched over her education and allowed her retain her leadership of the case of to go to Paris as a University student. In Paris, Hana Vlckova mer Eduard Benes, a student about two years her semor, who had transferred from Prague his side in Puney, Chicago University with the warm Paris and again in London. R approval of his professor, was still her first care, but sh understood the frustrations an engagement was brief, and back bewilderment of exile, and sh in Prague the young couple worked as political partners; both longed for the overthrow of the Habsburg system and the full autonomy, if not the independence of the Czech

Two small events shortly before Sarajevo may have helped to change the course of history. Benes broke his leg while play-ing football, and the aunt left her niece a modest fortune. The broken leg saved Benes from an immediate call-up in July 1914; his wife's legacy enabled him to give his own savings of about £300 to Thomas Masaryk, and with that slender sum the campaign for Czech freedom was launched. A year later

Mrs Benesova staved with her

anxiety and overwork gavi Benes a slight stroke. Mr: Benesova insisted that he mus remain at his country house is Sezimovo Usti. Sae paid almos her last visit to Prague as the President's wife when she broke to Dr Alice Masaryk the new that her brother, Jaa, had been found dead beneath the window

husband in Paris throughout the a request to go to Switzerland Peace Conference of 1919. She for an eye operation was went with him on many visits to refused.

lightweight champion, and one of the most stylish boxers to appear in a professional ring between the wars, died in London on Wednesday night at the age of 64. He collapsed in

the West End. Crowley won the lightweight title in 1938, but held it for only six months before losing it to Eric Boon, then only 18, who stopped him in 13 rounds. A year later Crowley attempted to win back the crown from Boon, but was again stopped,

He fought most of the best, including six world champions, and in 1936 met Mike Belloise in New York, for the world featherweight championship,

After service with the RAF, during the war, Crowley had a few more contests but retired. with eye trouble. He became a film stuntman, and for & years ran a popular bar fir Rome. Later he returned to Britain, after suffering a heart attack.

GROUP CAPTAIN

Air Vice-Marshal R. W. G.

Freer writes: Many will have noted with regret the death at the age of 85 of Group Captain E. J. P. Burling, DSC, DFC, AFC (Retd). He was known to most of his friends "Admiral" because of steadfast connexion with the yacht club he founded when commanding RAF Seletar in Singapore in 1934. He died at his home in the Isles of Scilly on November 26.

flying a Fairey III off HMS Vindictive on October 30, 1925. Seaplanes and flying boats coninued to figure prominently in his career between the wars. While serving in the Marine Aircraft Experimental Establishment he helped to train RAF pilots who competed in the Schneider Trophy races.

Among his many flying commands were 205 and 209 Flying Boat Squadrons and RAF bases Mountbatten and Felixstowe. He retired in 1946 after commanding RAF Calshot for most of the Second World War and being further mentioned in

A man of many parts, Burling was a Cambridge soccer blue, fenced for the RAF and was an accomplished planist and organist. However, it was the combination of flying and the sea which notably in Singa-pore brought him some of his greatest moments; his "Burling Pram" design provided in return a dinghy in which many of today's helmsnen safely took their first 'steps ".

Sir Charles Law, who had been Chief Justice of Zanzibar and of Northern Rhodesia, has

not everybody could understand but which all his friends had

frequently in radio and thron, that medium truly discover himself as an actor. With the discovery and also for reaso

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very proper pride of the pr fessional. A man of great pe sonal dignity and firm opinion

way again.

Mrs Hana Benesova, widow Geneva and during his 17 year of the former President of the as Foreign Minister she ente

OBITUARY

A correspondent writes:

Rolf Lefebvre, who died on

Monday, was one of the best of

those actors who, most regularly,

give their performances on radio. Of that group he was

certainly the best loved. And

"love" is the correct word, for

others responded to him in

measure with what he gave. To

Africa of an old Channel Islands

family and educated in Johan-

pursued his acting career in this

With SABC he had his own

radio show, In Town With Rolf.

In 1943 he joined the Marda

In 1946 he returned to England and joined the Bristol Old

and of himself.

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lands.

BURLING

He began his very distinguished career as an airman with the RNAS and RAF in the First World War, winning the French Croix de Guerre in addition to his British decorations and mention in dispatches. He was later awarded the Royal Humane Society's Bronze Medal for "gallant conduct in rescuing an airman from drowning" in

He was the first pilot to be catapulted from a ship at sea,

dispatches.

died at the age of 90.

gave strong support to Crec and Slovak women who foun their way to London. Thoug she curtailed social duties i this country, she alway. attended the Czechoslovak Ir

Czechoslovak Red Cross as we

When Munich brought Bene

second exile his wife was

as many other duties.

dependence Day service in S The return to the Hradcan Castle was beset with difficulties, and in the summer of 1947

Benes had set up his head quarters in a fifth floor room in Paris, and his wife was in a Habsburg prison. They did not meet again until November stantial pension. The Cottwak Government took care that she did not leave the country, and

MR DAVE CROWLEY

Dave Crowley, former British this time in the seventh round. losing in nine rounds.

MR JOHN BOYD

H.K. writes: John A. Boyd, who died on December 6 at the age of 77, was born, bred and lived all his life in Toronto, but had a wide circle of friends in this country and countless friends from coast to coast in Canada. A man of the highest integrity with a delightful sense of humour, he was a-great mixer, equally at home with the Governor-General of with the newsboy outside the Commerce building.

He served with distinction in France with the Canadian Royal Artillery during the First World War and later was trained as a lawyer with a leading legal firm in Toronto before joining the legal department of the National Trust Co. For almost half a century he acted as Canadian representative of Lazard Brothers of London, England, and has taken care of their interests in Canada.

John Boyd had a shrewd business judgment backed by his legal training which served him. and his friends well over the years. He was on the boards of several leading companies in Canada, such as Imperial Bank of Commerce, Royal Trust, English Electric of Canada, Rolls-Royce of Canada, Canadian Mar; coni and others.

His home in Maple Avenue, Toronto, was the meeting place of countless friends of many nationalities who were invariably welcome. His death robs Anglo-Canadian relations of one of the outstanding and quietly: unassuming personalities of our time. His loss will be deeply: felt on both sides of the Atlantic.

Lord Brabazon of Tara, CBE.,

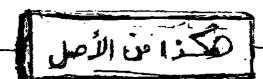
the second baron, died sudden in London on Wednesday, again 63. He was a member of Kengton Borough Council, 19-52, and was active in local Corservative politics. In 1970-71 he. was Commodore of Bembridge Sailing Club.

Henry Wadsworth, the "per-perual juvenile" of stage and screen, has died in New York at the age of 72. He made his Broadway debut in 1927 and he played the juvenile lead in more tilms.

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BUSINESS NEWS





onn expansion measures ve industry £303m or jobs and investment

Germany's government es aimed at expanding tional economy without ing inflation.
purpose of the proe, outlined after two days

oinet discussions by Dr lapel, the Minister of Finand Dr Hans Friedrichs. er a further weakening of L'economic activity". tould be seen as largely

mentary to measures ; taken by the governor its agencies in recent

ng the main measures used today is a DM1,130m (198m) boost for investin industry, particularly supply and construction, nother DM600m (about to counter unemploy-

maximum period of finanrt-time is to be doubled ne year to two. stments planned in the

ederal budget are to be as far as possible in the talf of the year. The ment will see to it that nvestment projects can refore next year's Finance ecomes in State and pal governments will be to adopt similar measures neir hudeets. provide finance for the mme, about DM3,500m posit with the Federal

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Whittaker gave a warning

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e contracts will also pro-the United Kingdom ship-

ers Austin & Pickersgill a useful cash boost, since the vessels are being built

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lack of contracting ity. Yesterday, the Japan Exporters Association unced that last mouth its

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each plant to pay its

over the year ending June 30,

The Government's investment boost will take the form of a 7.5 per cent allowance on investments in capital goods and buildings made between the first of this month and the end of the first half of the coming year, for goods to be delivered or installed by July 1, 1976, and buildings to be completed by July 1, 1977. Investments in saving energy will however have no time limits set on them to qualify for the allowance.

Tax advantages for owner-occupiers are to be extended to further case the plight of West Germany's building industry, which has suffered many bankruptcies and redundancies

this year.

Investment in new, small and medium-sized businesses is also to be encouraged by means of a separately financed programme worth more than DM1,000m. This money will come not from the budget but from separate reconstruction

funds The DM600m to be spent on countering unemployment is expected to produce 290,000

Employers who hire an unemployed man before May 1, 1975, in a non-temporary job can claim 60 per cent of his gross wage for the first six months, to be paid in advance on appointment. This measure is expected to produce 90,000 jobs. Unemployed workers who find

allowance of up to DM600 for a single man. The Government hopes to see another 200,000 reemployed in this way.

At November 30 this year nearly 800,000 were out of work in West Germany and another 461,000 on short-time. Both figures are expected to increase months.

But the main government measure which is likely to improve the economic outlook for next year is the rax reform plan decided on earlier this year, which is to take effect on January 1. This and the accom-punying increases in children's allowances will put DM14,000m extra spending power into people's pockets over the coming year, and should have a considerable effect on the labour market.

The Covernment says its main aims are to counter economic decline and to achieve in the course of next year a solid up-swing in internal demand, without accelerating the country's relatively very low rate of infla-tion, now 6.5 per cent a year.

It sees this as leading in 1975 to a real improvement on the labour market, and a real increase in production. Improving productivity is expected to allow the anti-inflation effort to pro-

gress further. Finally the Bonn government believes its internal reflation will help world economy and reduce its own balance of payments surpius.

Minister denies move to drop petroleum tax

By Geoffrey Browning

the product of a 10 per a new job by moving to a new

isands of workers at Leyland's body and by plants were given a Rumours that the Government was having second thoughts on the petroleum g yesterday that they revenue tax proposed in the Oil Taxation Bill were scotched by Mr Robert Sheldon, Mindundancy unless they co-ed in a drive to save £15m ister of State for the Treasury. at the first meeting of the Commons committee consider-ing the Bill yesterday. trector of the body and bly division, has set the to ease cash flow and jobs. He explained his my plan in a letter to all 0 workers at the Cowley

had Speculation arisenbecause of a Government motion, moved by Mr Sheldon, that consideration of that part of the Bill dealing with the tax be postponed until after Christ-mas. He explained that consulverament finance which become available to the any will be channelled into ations were still going on with the oil companies and said that the committee should start by considering other parts of the

> Mr Patrick Jenkin, Opposition spokesman on energy, to asked if the Government was now beginning to recognize the "damaging blow to confidence"

Norway modifies

proposed levy on

offshore earnings

fields.

A differing view came from

Mr J. D. Dewhurst, assistant managing director of Burmah

oil. He told a conference organized by the Financial Times that good fields in the North Sea might be able to

exist on a 45 per cent revenue

tax. But he added that the

65 per cent upper limit tenta-tively suggested by the Govern-ment would kill all investment.

Yamani pledge to

Saudi Arabia will not increase the price of its oil even if OPEC decides on another general round of price rises, Shaikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, Arabia's nil minister said

peg oil price

yesterday.

which the petroleum revenue try and if it was aware of the risk that the tax could drive companies away from the Con-tinental Shelf?"

Had the Government emirely ruled out a different structure with an excess profits tax on top of corporation tax? be

Mr Sheldon said that discussions with the oil companies were taking longer than ex-

Mr Jenkins: "Is the Treasury prepared to discuss with the oil companies an excess profits

Mr Sheldon said the funda-mental aim of the Bill rested on the prior-charge and field-by-field basis of computation. "Within that we are prepared listen to anything they say."

The motion was agreed to and the committee adjourned until

New setback Price panel for UK steel output last month

By Peter Hill

Britain's steel output, which has been depressed throughout the year, fell further last month after improving slightly in Octo-

Figures issued jointly last night by the British Steel Corporation and the British Independent Steel Producers Association showed that average weekly production last month at 448,200 tonnes was 2.1 per cent lower than in the previous month and more than 18 per cept less than in the correspond-

ing month of 1973. Over the first 11 months of this year average weekly output amounted to 433,300 tonnes some 16.6 per cent less than in the same period of last year.

The dismal production figures, particularly from the British Steel Corporation where output has been affected by shortages of coal and scrap in the earlier part of the year and damaging industrial disputes, have serious implications.

The failure of the BSC to meet the buoyant demand after the end of the three-day week has led to a substantial increase in imports and produced an adverse trade balance.

There has been a buge surge in iron and steel imports from Japan and other sources, and because of the continuing short-age the Government is being asked to approve an extension of temporary import duty ex-emptions for a variety of iron and steel products.

The poor November output was influenced by operational difficulties at the BSC's Corby works, where, although one re lined blast furnace was brought back into operation, steel production continues to be severely

Industrial disputes have had a particularly damaging effect and are likely to have cost the BSC around 800,000 tonnes in lost production this yeur.

The Department of Industry provided an indication of the downturn in figures published last night for the third quarter. Consumption over the three months was 6 per cent lower than in the previous quarter with estimated consumption, after seasonal adjustments, amount-

In the third quarter stocks fell by about 30,000 tonnes with consumers' stocks falling by 76,000 tonnes and those of mer-chants rising by about 40,000 tonnes. Stocks held by consumers and merchants now represent 17 weeks' use.

criticized on petrol rise delays

Oil companies last night occused the Price Commission of using procedural technical-ties to delay petrol price increases. Criticisms of the Commission were made following the publication of the November list of price increase rejections and modifications.

Six of the major oil companies -BP, Esso Petroleum, Gulf Oil (GB), Mobil Oil, Snell (UK) and Total Oil (GB)—are named among the large companies whose increase applications were turned down. The applications were for rises ranging between 20 per cent (Mobil) and 34 per cent (Gulf). This was the second successive month that both Shell and Gulf had faced rejection notices.

Last night several of the com-panies while declining to be identified were outspoken in their criticism of the Commission. They claimed it was trying, by technical delays, to ensure that there was not another price rise soon after the petrol price increases which followed the VAT adjustment in the November Budget.

The Price Commission pointed out in reply that the rejections had been based on failure to comply with pre-notification procedures.

The latest list does not refer to current applications from the oil companies. These are still being processed and, because the whole increase will be loaded on petrol, are expected to push prices up by 81p a gallon early next year.

Last month the Price Commission rejected 23 notifications from large and mediumsized manufacturing and service companies. Apart from the oil groups, these included the Cooperative Wholesale Society, which had a 7.06 per cent increase on sterilized creams turned down; ICI whose 30.60 per cent application on methanol was rejected; and National Car Parks, whose bid for a 3.08 per cent increase in parking tariffs was disallowed.

In addition to the rejections, there were another 19 cases of companies which withdrew their notifications, and a further 56 companies which modified the extent of increases. Among withdrawing Beecham Foods, which had intended to raise the price of Ribena by 16.36 per cent; and Viota Foods, which withdrew an intended 7.15 per cent

Since the beginning of Phase Three the Commission has rejected a total of 1,259 notifications and reduced the extent of a further 781. The Commission said last night that 392 notifications were withdrawn during this period.

increase in cake and dessert

Saudi Arabia stepping up spending in UK despite sterling switch

Investment in Britain by Saudi Arabia appears to have been in-creasing in recent weeks. In spite of the apparent "desire" by the Saudi government not to receive turther oil royalty payments in sterling, there is no sign of any change of investment policy. Mr Denis Healey, the Chancellor, is believed to have been given assurances on this point during his recent three-

day visit to Saudi Arabia.
This will help to calm concern on the foreign exchange markets since reports first began to circulate of the phasing out of sterling for royalty pay-ments. Fears that this would result in a reduced flow of Middle East investment into London have contributed to a sharp fall in the value of the pound in recent days,

The investment policy of the Saudi government was believed to have been discussed at considerable length during Mr Healey's visit. The Saudis made it clear that they wished to ex-pand trade and industrial cooperation with Britain in pursuit their own rapid programme of industrialization and develop-

With a new five-year economic plan to be announced by Saudi Arabia next year, in-creased industrial cooperation could provide a major boost to British exports.

A strong wish for closer ties

Healey.

A high-level committee is

being set up to prepare a pro-gramme for closer cooperation in these areas and permanent machinery is envisaged to monitor progress.
Official British sources said

yesterday that the Saudi govern-ment had expressed the hope that relations between the two countries would not be affected by the reports this week that sterling would no longer be used for the royalty payments. The Saudis believe that what matters is the investment policy of the Saudi Arabian Monetary

Authority and not what curren-cies were received for oil The official sources also said that Saudi Arabia was in favour in principle of the proposal for a new International Monetary Fund borrowing facility.
Saudi Arabia thus appears to
be giving its backing to Mr
Healey's own idea of increasing

the lending power of the IMF through a new oil facility which would be financed by the oil surplus countries.

Talks between Mr Healey and Saudi government officials were said to have been extremely friendly, with King Faisal set-ting the pattern. Mr Healey also had discussions with Mr Musa'ld, the Finance Minister, and with the head of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority. The whole trend of these discussions was said to reflect Saudi desires for a much closer

Bank says price curbs have gone far enough the proposed relaxations of the Price Code".

By Tim Congdon
British industry's financial predicament reflects "the long-term and fundamental problem" of a "lack of profitability", but its most immediate cause has been inflation and a failure to adopt appropriate accounting

"The elements of the situaon have both been building up, spread cutbacks in output, and seem likely to persist, for stocks and employment." tion have both been building up, and seem likely to persist, for some time."

This is one of the dominant

themes in an unusually out-spoken Bank of England Quar-terly Bulletin published today. is accompanied by strong criticism of price controls and warnings that future restraint of inflation will depend on holding down the rate of increase of

"Recent experience has shown', the Bulletin says, "that more cannot be expected of price control: on the contrary, some domestic prices may have to rise faster to reflect more of past cost increases than has hitherto been allowed."

Price controls are also singled out as a principal cause of the loss of profitability. The Bulletin notes that in other countries the recent rapid increase in costs has been passed on more quickly in higher prices. However, it also acknowledges that "the financial difficulties of industry will be very sub-stantially eased by the tax relief

announced in the Budget and

Companies have been obliged to cut down on expenditure to keep themselves supplied with adequate liquid resources. " This has shown up in a rapid pruning of investment plans and would,"

In an apparent reference to the Government's professed determination to maintain employment, the Bulletin says that these consequences would have been possible "despite the con-tinuance of high employment

Although the Budget will have removed this kind of danger" it nevertheless remains vital for the Government to give priority to curbing inflation. Without a reduction in the rate of inflation, "it is doubtful whether a satisfactory pattern of expansion can be achieved" because it becomes extremely difficult for industry to plan its investment far into the

future. The Bank also emphasizes the dependence of the United Kingdom's economic perform-ance on world conditions. It is reasonable to expect at some stage more expansionary policies to be followed in other countries. There must be room in the United Kingdom economy to take advantage of the scope for higher exports

Distillers cutting back whisky production

By Anthony Rowley Distillers Company is to re

duce its level of Scotch whisky distillation in 1975. The group has been unable to raise "sub-stantial long-term funds" to finance investments in buildings, plant and additional Scotch whisky stocks.

"We are not prepared to use short-term money at very high interest rates for long-term schemes", a spokesman said yesterday. "We wanted sub-stantial long-term funds but the City has not been able to pro-vide them."

Distillers stressed, however, that it has ample stocks to meet projected home and overseas demand. We expect to sell more next year, but we are going to make less because we have ample stocks", the spokes-

Distillers' whisky brands include Black & White, White Horse, Johnnie Walker, Haig, Dewars and VAT 69.

The spokesman said the cut-hack in 1975 production would not mean a shortage of whisky in future years—whisky is. normally matured for several years before sale—unless the cutback had to be extended beyond 1975, and then it would depend upon demand. Mean-while, Distillers is still seeking. suitable sources of finance for stock building.

There were no plans for redundancies as a result of the cutback, which would save Distillers money in replacing stocks at a time of high grain, energy and warehousing costs. The extent of the cutback was not revealed.

Distillers yesterday announced pre-tax profits of 144.1m for the six months up to September 30—an increase of 17 per cent on the corresponding period of last year. Sales increased by 21½ per cent to £292m in the same period. This was for all the This was for all the group's products, including gin, vodka and Pimm's as well as

Scotch whisky and gin sales were "buoyant" during the period, with particularly large shipments to the United States . in advance of the threatened dock strike there, Distillers said. However, while export profits, are expected to rise this year those in the United Kingdom are likely to suffer through price controls, and overall profits this year will be about the same as for last year.

Last week Distillers an nounced that it had notified the Price Commission of increases which it intends to make in the price of whisky, gin and vodka from January 1. Per case, the net amounts are 80p for Scotch. 40p for gin and 52p for vodka. Distillers also said vesterday that since the end of the first half of this financial year de-liveries had been restricted by industrial action in its own plants and elsewhere, as well as by a shortage of bottles and other packaging materials. These problems had restricted. the benefit obtained from export price increases made earlier this year. Distillers shares fell 81p to 63p on the Stock Exchange vesterday.

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Another reprieve for oil company profits as Senate kills latest Bill

From Frank Vogl

Oslo, Dec 12.—Norway has modified its tax increase proposals to oil companies drilling in the North Sea, an official said today. been saved again from the pros-Mr Per Kleppe, Finance Minpect of \$2,000m (about £870m) ister, was scheduled to meet oil company representatives today to present a new proposal for taxation of oil earnings. Although the government did not announce the new tax meas-ures, unofficially it was learnt that the finance ministry had softened its first proposal made

a week ago, when it called for taxes of up to 90 per cent on oil production earnings, 80 per cent higher than the 50.8 per cent tax now in effect.—AP-Dow The ways and means commit-tee of the House of representa-Clash over level of N Sea tax A 40 per cent Petroleum Revenue Tax rate would make most North Sea oilfields with

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Bk of Ireland 15p to 175p
Broken Hill 16p to 470p

Sterling fel by 95 points yesterday to \$2,3075. The " effective devalua-tion " rate was 21.9 per cent.

Gold rose by \$1.75 to \$175.75 an oz yesterday.

SDR-S was 1.212150 while SDR-£ was 0.521916.

Washington, Dec 12 American oil companies have

a year increases in tax.

A pending bill that called for the ending of the oil depletion allowance on January was killed by a 9-4 vote in the rules committee of the Senate. Covering several tax areas including cuts for low income groups, it was defeated because Senators thought that with only 10 days left in the present legislative session, there was no chance that the Bill could have been

tives has been working on the
Bill for more than a year. Cancellation of the oil depletion
allowance has gained strong
popular support because oil
company earnings have advan-

ced sensationally in the past 12 in its present form are not very months. Next year, the Bill will almost certainly be reintroduced, but

as so often in the past, the powerful oil interests will again be lobbying for a reprieve. The tax Bill also included clauses that would have increased tax deductible depreciation allowances for power companies to 7 per cent from 4 per cent, and which would have imposed a windfall profits tax on the oil companies.

This profits tax would in large measure have been offset by tax allowances for investment in energy exploration.

There is still a remote chance that some parts of the tax Bill

Mr Al Ullman, a Democratic representative from Oregon, who is likely to be chairman of the

ways and means committee in the new Congress, said he was doubtful if quick action on a tax Bill was possible next year. But today's reprieve for the oil companies may in the long run prove to have been a costly error, as the ways and means committee through reorganiza-

tion appears to be turning into a more liberal body. Next year's

tax Bill may prove a lot tougher

on oil company profits. All the same, today's defeat represents the thirteenth unsuccessful attempt at abolishing the 22 per cent oil depletion allowance. The first failure was in 1951 after President Truman had sought in late 1950 to end this special tax allowance for oil companies.

How the markets moved

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Commodities: Sugar futures had an erratic day before finishing £4 to £18 higher. The London daily price was cut another £20 to £440. On other pages

Saudi Arabia's oil minister said The start of a general OPEC The start of a general OPEC conference on pricing was de layed because of the late arrival of Shaikh Yamani. A spokesman said discussions on prices could not proceed without a representative from Saudi Arabia. The discussions are Business appointments Appointments vacant Financial Editor 24, 26, 27 Financial news Wall Street Diary scheduled to continue today. Letters

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US prices pointer to lower inflation

Christmas pay at risk

in Swan Hunter yards

Midland fears of | Sheffield plea for

Washington, Dec 12

Some slowing in the United States rate of inflation was indicated today with the publication of the wholesale price index for November, which showed a gain, on a seasonally adjusted basis, of 1.2 per cent, after a rise of 2.5 per cent in October.

The bureau of Labour Statistics noted that the unadjusted index was now 23.5 per cent up on 12 months ago at 171.9 (1967-100). More significant, however, the compound annual rate of increase on a seasonally adjusted basis from three months ago is now just 16.1 per cent, compared with 28.7 per cent last month and 35.2 per cent in September.

This confirms President Ford's statement to the Business Council last night that early signals now suggested some

120 jobs go

output cuts

By Our Northern Industrial

Falling demand for brake and

motor car industry has caused 120 redundancies at Mintex, the

wholly-owned subsidiary of the

Mr Desmond Pillinger, manag-

ing director of Mintex, said the economic and monetary

problems facing the country for

some time, coupled with the

recession in the motor industry

at home and abroad had

adversely affected demand for

the company's products. Factory output had been adjusted

Mr Pillinger said: "Arising

at the indirect work force

proportion to the new level

from this it became apparent

(those not directly concerned

with production) was no longer

of activity, and steps were taken

to restrict recruitment and reduce overtime working. These

measures have had some effect but are in themselves insufficient to meet our

Contracts for the Post Office

to provide telecommunication services for North Sea oil and

gas production platforms have

heen signed by the Total, Mobil and Occidental groups of com-

Announcing this vesterday, the Post Office said that it was

spending up to £8m on shore stations near Peterhead and in

south Shetland for new multi-

channel microwave radio links.

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Cleckheaton-based BBA group.

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Announcing the redundancies, means that together with the

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rate from now on.

Mr Roy Ash, director of the Office of Management and Budget, forecast at a senate budget committee meeting to-day that the inflation rate in 12 months could be even as low as 7 per cent. He said it was realistic to expect inflation by the end of next year to be in ably be down by about I per the 7 to 9 per cent range, but cent on 1974, with the gap in he gave warning that real gross national product was likely to go on slipping over the next a whole. few quarters, although an upturn in the economy was prob-

able after mid-year. This forecast is closely in line with one released today by the Business Council, which comprises some 150 chairmen of major American companies. The council suggested that the consumer price index would be rising at an annual rate of around

There will be no Christmas

pay packet for more than 5,000 employees of Swan Hunter Ship-

builders on Tyneside this year

The company last night laid

lay-offs to 4,863. This

off a further 428 men bringing

striking electricians well over

half of the 10,000 labour force

Swan Hunter's management is

reviewing the situation daily

and as lay-offs mount the threat

of complete closure increases.

a source of some puzzlement to

the management whose usual

experience is that as Christmas

approaches greater efforts are

made to earn extra money
The dispute is over a claim by

electricians for a basic rate of

Midland businessmen yester-

day attacked the Government's

employee protection proposals

and gave warning of a general

crisis in industry-perhaps by

This emerged from the meet-

ing of the CBI West Midlands

Regional Council, which Group

Captain J. P. Cecil-Wright, the

chairman, described as "the

in eight or nine years".

most gloomy I have attended

He said council members

were reporting a decrease of

up to 30 per cent in orders,

although capital industries.

such as drop forgings, were

March crisis

next March.

pany's five yards is resolved.

would have run its course by mid-1975 or at the latest by the third quarter. Unemployment was likely to

reach 6.8 per cent to 7 per cent in the second and third quarters of next year and the council forecasts that for 1975 as a whole real gnp would probcurrent dollars showing an 8 per cent rise for the year as

Industrial production is forecast as declining for much of the coming year, but moving up gradually in the latter half, with the council forecasting it to be in line with final 1974 quarter levels by the fourth

quarter. The detailed wholesale price figures show a marked slowing on the food side and a con-

£50 a week. The company have offered £46 with formightly in-

creases of 15p reaching the £50

figure by the end of next year.

The electricians, who imposed

work sanctions to back their

claim, were given the alterna-

tive of working normally, or being removed from the payroll.

The men walked out claiming a

lockout. The management say

they will welcome the men's

return if they resume normal

negotiations to continue.

pre-dispute working to allow

This situation has been aggra-

vated by other trades in the

yards imposing working restric-

tions in support of a similar

claim for a £50 basic rate to

bring them into line with their

opposite numbers in the

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yard on the Wear, 12 mile

waterway grant

Commercial traffic operations

along one of Britain's most

potentially profitable waterways

could disappear completely

within the next eight years

unless the Government provided

financial assistance, the British

Waterways Board stated yester-

The board wants the Govern-

ment to provide a grant of

£3.2m to support the widening and improvement of the Shef-

field and South Yorkshire Navi-

gation, in line with a scheme approved by Parliament earlier

The company has 50 away. The company has 50 vessels on order worth nearly

weakening in inflation pres-sures. The President forecast a steady decline in the inflation downward trend of the economy sale food price index for November rose on an adjusted basis by 2.5 jer cent, after rising by 5.1 per cent in October-

President Ford said in a speech to the Business Council last night that he would not be diverting policies to any great degree from the fight against inflation, to countering a re-recession. However, Mr Ash said in testimony this morning that the Administration was now moving nearer a more reflationary stanse.

Mr Ash stated that if the downturn in the economy produced lower tax revenues the Administration would not insist on dollar-for-dollar spending cuts to balance the budget.

The Administration was now working on budget revisions with an special view to dealing with the rising unemployment.

Bilbao court orders Sofico sale

From Harry Debelius Madrid, Dec 12

A court in the northern city of Bilbao today ordered the sale at public auction of furniture in the offices of Sofico Renta to satisfy creditors' claims. How-ever, legal sources said here the auction might be delayed pend-ing a decision from a Madrid court, which is studying a request from the Solico group to declare a moratorium on

Until its recent financial problems, Sofico was Spain's biggest tourist apartment development enterprise.

The four principal companies of the group—Sofico Inversiones, Sofico Renta, Sofico Vacaciones and Sofico Servicios Turisticos-have now asked for suspension of payments, which is one step short of bankruptcy proceedings.

Sources close to Sofico claimed here that the four major companies have assets totalling £115m and debts of

Rural landowners fight Rural landowners stated yes-

terday that they were preparing a series of protests over the Finance Bill, as they consider the proposed wealth and capital transfer taxes would squeeze them so much that management and appearance of the countryside would rapidly deteriorate.

Mr John Cripps, chairman of the Countryside Commission, in a letter to the Chancellor, called on him to announce a programme of "additional resources to be made available for landscape maintenance and renewal ".

Colour TV deliveries down 16pc in October

Deliveries of colour television sets (both British made and imported) to United Kingdom distributors in October totalled 226,000, a 16 per cent decrease compared with October, 1973, the British Radio Equipment Manufacturers' Association said

yesterday.

For the first 10 months of the ear the total, at 1,864,000, represents a drop of 18 per cent from the corresponding period of 1973. In this period the share of imported sets fell from 25 per cent to 20 per cent.
Total black-and-white tele-

vision deliveries for October of 86,000 brought the total for the first 10 months of the year to 697,000, a fall of 43 per cent compared with January October,

25 pc decline in gold wares hallmarked

Weight of all the gold wares weight of all the golf wares hallmarked at the London Assay Office during November dropped by precisely 25 per cent compared with the same month of last year to a total of 2.082,332 grams. The number of wares assayed and tested fell even more sharply by 31.6 per cent to 401,035 articles.

Eighteen carat gold (generally used for quality jewelry) re-corded a modest gain of 3.3 per cent over last year to a total weight of 367,107 grams, while the weight of 9 carat gold (normally used for the more popular, mass-produced jewellery) declined by 29.9 per cent to 1,620.057 grams.

Carpet exports up

Britain's carpet exports over the first nine months of this year increased by 36 per cent in volume terms compared with the coresponding period of last year, according to figures issued yesterday by the British Carpets Export Association. The value of exports over the nine months increased by 57 per cent to £63.8m, compared with a total of £62.5m for the whole of 1973.

Africa freight dearer

Freight rates between Britain and West Africa are to go up by 25 per cent in March, the United Kingdom/West Africa Lines (UKWAL) announce to-day. Cost had risen by 26 per cent southbound and 35 per cent northbound

More French jobless

French unemployment rose to postwar record in November with the number of job-seekers increasing on a provisional basis to 689,200 from 630,000 in October. This was 51.3 per cent above November last year, according to figures announced in Paris yesterday.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Classical error of analysis on banking

Mr A. M. Jablonowski

Sir, Christopher Wilkins' very interesting article on December 6 has taken forward the debate on the stability of the banking system, but unfortunately perpetuates one classic error of analysis.

In the context of the secondary banks, Mr Wilkins would have us believe that " once confidence in a bank has waned and withdrawal of deposits has begun in earnest nothing short of 100 per cent of is a short term asset, a debit capital—and that fairly liquid—balance. It does no good at all will suffice to save the bank to mix up the concepts of and enable it to meet all the demands made upon it by

depositors". The fallacy in this contention can be illustrated by the follow-ing hypothetical bank balance sheet.

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It is clear in this example that a total run on deposits can be met from cash, and that neither capital nor the assets in which it is invested are touched by the crisis.

Even if one imagined a balance sheet in which capital was totally invested in cash and deposits were used to fund illiquid assets, any payout of depositors would not affect capital: cash would disappear from the assets side of the balance sheet and there would be an equal reduction in deposits on the liabilities side. In this situation one would be looking to the illiquid loans for any further repayment of deposits; capital would be of

Mr Wilkins' confusion seems to arise from a disregard of the double-entry book-keeping system. Thus Mr Wilkins suggests that "only that part of the capital which is available to meet short-term requirements should be taken into account".

What he should have said is:

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"only that part of the capital which is available as a reserve against losses on the asset side should be taken into account" (quite a different proposition).

Capital is not the sort of animal that can be made available to meet short term requirements " drawals): it is a credit balance, a liability on the same side of the balance sheet as deposits

themselves. Obviously what is wanted "to meet short-term requirements" is a short term asset, a debit capital needs and liquidity ratios.

The true function of capital in a bank is firstly to finance those assets which cannot be prudently funded by customers' deposits (that is where the connexion with liquidity comes out that without a wh in), and secondly, to provide a range of additional informat buffer against losses on the asset side (otherwise deposits would have to be written off to match bad debts written off-ie an insolvency situation arising from a different cause than a run on deposits).

To sum up, capital and liquidity are two separate though connected issues. Capital does not serve, never has and never could, to meet a run on deposits; it is designed for a different kind of crisis.

It follows that no single formula will suffice to cover these two distinct aspects of bank safety. Yours faithfully,

E. C. CADE. A. M. JABLONOWSKI, 68 Havers Lane, Bishop's Stortford Hertfordshire.

From the Hon Thomas Stonor Sir, I am sure that senior executives of banks incorporated in and/or headquartered in this country will have been very interested in Mr Christopher Wilkins's excellent article, December 9.

Since it is almost certain t banking strength "

all sectors of the banking dustry are endeavouring to vise more meaningful and l ing measurements of can adequacy, public discussion the subject is to be welcom

The system, already well u by some American banks : others, of allocating capital each risk asset held by a bi when combined with the t new tests so ably suggested Mr Vojta of First National (Bank (if such a combination possible) has the distinct me of ensuring that a bank's capi deposit ratio will be largely fluenced by the quality assets carried by the bank well as by the individual bar management record.

Mr Wilkins, however, poi in bank balance sheets, analy will be denied the data ne sary to assess cap. adequacy". I doubt wheth any form of balance sheet co provide sufficient data, on own, for the analyst, investor depositor.

Rather than expect these ' cling to what is left them, he ever unsatisfactory" they n think it, I hope that all the interested in the subject capital adequacy will seriou consider adopting the te referred to above, and consil the creation of some form banking inspectorate wh could provide independent in ment on what otherwise mit he considered to be a subject

exercise. Such an inspectorate con presumably be provided by a Bank of England and won therefore of course be respect by the financial community. Yours faithfully, THOMAS STONOR Alston Court,

British-built sugar beet harvesters

From Mr Roger Wilding Sir, I was amazed to read in Business Diary, December 6, that: "In a timely piece of promotion, Ransomes is showing

what it says is the first sugar beet harvester to be designed and built by a British comрапу. As the editor, and subse-

quently proprietor, of the then agricultural engineering trade paper in this country (Imple-ment & Machinery Review, later Farm Implement & Mach-inery Review), I was given an about 1930 of a sugar beet harvester invented by Colonel William Cook and made by his firm, William Cook, Ltd, of Yaxley,

Peterborough—obviously a com-pletely British designed and manufactured machine.

Although several of the machines were exported to Russia, it was not a commercial success and went off the market. This was followed soon afterwards by another entirely British machine manufactured

by Catchpole Engineering, of Stanton, Bury St Edmunds. Later, in the early 1950s, Mr Peter Standen of Ely, invented, and his family firm of F. A. Standen & Sons produced a sugar beer harvester which won world-wide sales and renownanother exclusive British project. styled the "Peter Stan-

This was followed soon after- December 7.

beet harvester, invented by late Mr John Salmon, of M. tels, near Dunmow, Ess. Another completely Briti effort, which won an intnational reputation.

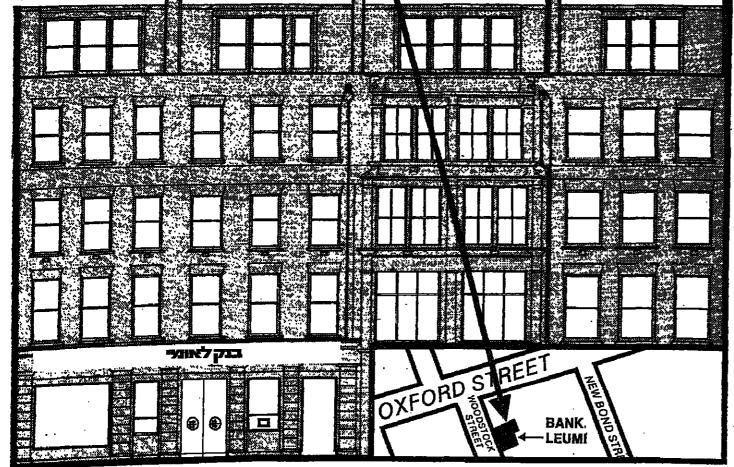
Subsequently, both these ventors produced complete self-propelled sugar beet ha vesters, which topped, lifted at cleaned the beet, and deliver into a trailer running alongsi or at the headland. Yours faithfully. ROGER WILDING,

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Implications of Distillers' projected cutbacks

lers was one of the weak s yesterday in a fairly FT Index, reflecting both market's disappointment the interim profits toreasons behind the pro-j curback in 1975 whisky lation. The assurance that roup has ample stocks to projected demand hardly any reassurance on this

s true of course that stockmuch more costly e light of present grain, y and warehousing costs, that long-term finance ir five or 10 years in Dis-Even so it is obtainable price and in the case of e chip the terms should latively favourable. More-Distillers' balance sheet ardly overgeared last year te the depletion to

inference that some anare placing upon Distillers' is that it anticipates a ing of demand in North ica and possibly elsewhere
as Australian demand
ready been curbed by the increase in duties there.
all that, of course, would
to justify Distillers'
who say that the com-

has been too conservative whisky price rises overwhile the boom lasted.
d, the 1974 export price
ses have already been
eroded by rising costs and rial disputes.
t how effective the pro-

rise in Distillers United om spirit prices next ry will prove obviously ds on the continuance of it demand levels. The act that Distillers can seek 1 Kingdom rises now when to roll back prices earlier tes just how much home ns have deteriorated in the price controls and cost tion. And the fact that I profits in the first half ahead by only a modest rtion compared with the se in industry exports of v indicates just how grim me profit situation really ile the forecast of mainprofits this year—imply-fall in the second half to further erosion. At he shares are leaning on 3) per cent prospective

n: 1974-75 (1973-74) lization £228m £292m (£240m) x profits £44.1m (£37.6m) and gross 3p (2.87p)

-Comm

or support.

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unters . That they actually say. Only is the secondary bank mentioned, once to point that a better understand-of the difficulties and besses has emerged and

to touch on the burdens ed on executive time.
: at least one now has some of how the other clearing are likely to tackle the is are likely to tackle the let in due course, and the lets it provides are discong. NatComm has provided (£4.8m after tax relief) st advances over and above ormal bad debt provision, that amount is strictly cable to Williams & Glyn's,

in no way relates to dary bank support opera-These, we know, have based on the size of sits held by a bank and, n NatComm, Royal Bank cotland's deposits account 5 per cent. So if Williams mes had had to make no yn's had had to make prois on this score. Royal almost certainly have had



Associated Television: pominal reduction in interim dividend.

Overall, the group has some 6 per cent of total clearing bank deposits, so in the context of a £1,300m support operation, NatComm is presumably in for between £70m and £80m. On all the assumptions one makes about the first head of the second support of the second support of total clearing total support of total su about the fringe banks-that in many cases lending policies were extremely reckless, that they poured money into prime property which is now 25.50 per cent down on peak values and secondary properties which remain very largely unsalable it is hard to see how at least a part of this is not at risk.
But NatComm believes that

its normal formula for providing against bad debts which entails averaging the previous four years experience, suffices to cover its exposure. One must expect the other clearers to take the same view, although with only 4.9 per cent of its loan book committed in the property sector, NatComm is probably less vulnerable than the others.

Accounts: 1973/74 (1972/73) Net assets £218m (£210m) Deposits £2,612m (£2,035m) Pre-tax profit £51.3m (£42.6m) Earnings per share 8.9p (10.4p)

Bond ratings

The objective approach

Standard & Poor's and Moodies, the two main American bond rating agencies, have still not fully recovered from the blow to their reputations arising out of the embarrassingly high ratings both gave to Penn Central right up until the time of its collapse. Their inability to read events right has prompted some big fund managers to look
nal and Commercial Bank.

askance at the whole concept lroup's accounts are more of subjective rating, complete with cash flow and earnings projections, which provides the basis of current bond assessment in the United States.

The point has not been lost on the Society of Investment Analysts and the Institute of Actuaries in drawing up their own exposure draft for rating debentures and loan stocks in the United Kingdom. The core of their recommendation is that ratings should be based on objective analysis of published

Unlike the single rating applied to issues in the United States, the draft wants to see a twin approach, with one rating for the company itself and one for the issue. These would be in the form of two letters, ranging from A to E. An X would denote heavily qualified accounts or insufficient information to make an assessment. So a high quality company making a low quality issue might rate

AE. Company status would be determined by three criteria: market capitalization, the capital gearing ratio (total borrowings divided by net assets plus borrowings) and the income gearing ratio (interest payments divided by pre-interest profits). Bond starus would be determined by the nature of the security (mort-gage, debenture or loan) and the priority attached to capital and income payments.

For the market such a sys-

tem would have certain clear advantages. It would help eliminate some of the anomalies frequently thrown up as a result of thin trading in many issues, and since ratings would reflect the latest year's accounts, a certain amount of switching and speculative deal-ing could be expected as ratings change, thus fuelling

trading volume. more pertinently for inves-tors, the double rating approach would allow them to decide whether they valued more highly a good quality issue, or a good quality com-pany. Informal research pany. Informal research suggests that institutions are broadly split down the middle on this point, with the market being left to reflect the domi-

nant values at any one time.
Incidentally, a rating system of this sort would have
the useful side-effect of eliminating from the market the kind of "funny money" which has been issued in many a takeover bid before now.

Associated Eng.

Gearing under control Component manufacturer Asso-

ciated Engineering has demonstrated its relative immunity to problems in the United Kingdom car industry—to which 14 per cent of last year's sales were made—with a 6.5 per cent advance in pre-tax profits in a year which was also substantially affected—to the tune of an estimated £1.5m—by the three-day week and omens for the current year look reason ably good.

Management is planning to switch capacity left idle by slow car sales into the manufacture of parts for diesel engines, the majority of customers seem reasonably happy about their prospects, and results for the first two months confirm the directors in their hopes of another advance in profits. Moreover, there is scope for loss-elimination in France and in the heating and air conditioning subsidiary which together should be worth some-thing in excess of £500,000

annually.

Meanwhile, gearing remains on the high side, with bank overdrafts last year climbing from £11.3m to £16.9m as increased working capital and capital spending absorbed some £8m apiece. The board is happy enough about the existence of adequate borrowing facilities, but the capital spending programme has been timmed back to some £5m, and the management is working on the levels of stock and work in progress—the year-end stock figure still reflecting some hang-over from unplanned stock-building during the three-

day week.

Although any reduction in borrowings in the present year looks too much to hope for, at least the dividend looks safe enough—even if an excep-tionally high nominal tax charge apparently leaves the historic cover somewhat exi-guous. With the yield at 22\{p} a very attractive 22.3 per cent, this is the important point for

Final: 1973-74 (1972-73) Capitalization £12.2m Sales £164m (£138m) d be Pre-tax profits £9.22m (£8.67m) teria: Earnings per share 6.3p (7.3p) the Dividend gross 5.01p (4.46p)

Property: delicate issue for the Government

members of the Government have lost much sleep over the chaotic state of the financial system. Suddenly, however, a belated recognition appears to have dawned that trouble in the system might have wider

Whitehall has been listening to the Bank of England's plaintive message with more attention than hitherto, and in recent weeks the Government has urgently been canvassing ideas on how to put down a problem that refuses to go away and threatens to get worse.

The threat arises from the difficulties that beset the secondary bank rescue operation. The clearing banks have put a self-imposed limit of £1,300m on the amount they are prepared to put into the 40 or so "fringe" banks that need

Another £500m, on some estimates, may be needed to cope with continuing withdrawals of deposits from the secondary banking system.

The clearing banks' reluctance to go farther down the rescue road is understandable. The value of secondary bank assets, particularly property and advances secured on property, has plunged since the rescue started nearly a year

At today's values much of the

£1,300m would not be recoverable. The banks are therefore locked in with little prospect of seeing their money back in the near future unless there is a rapid and spectacular re-covery in the property market. Tangible evidence of a crack in the support structure came last month when Triumph Investment Trust and its banking subsidiary G. T. Whyte, a "statistical" bank, called in re-ceivers, thus bringing one of the larger rescues to a premature and unsatisfactory conclusion.

The outcome is that a new area of uncertainty has opened up. And the uncertainty is not

confined to the secondary banking system.
The finance houses, accepting houses and the clear-ing banks themselves are all committed to the property sec- over the next year.

Over the past 12 months few tor in greater or lesser degree. The latest figure for the banking system's advances to properry companies is £2,776m.

That figure, however, understates the true commitment since the figures do not take in

all the secondary banks. Much of the banking system's lending to the rest of industry and commerce is secured on property. And the £2,247m of advances to the construction sector also takes in a sizable proportion of property lending.

Confidence

These figures have to be measured against a total instirutional investment in property last year of less than £1,000mand last year was a boom year. But it would not necessarily re-quire a larger outlay of funds to revive the property market, for it is a marginal market in which confidence plays an im-

portant part.
Confidence evaporated towards the end of last year largely because of the rent freeze and the introduction of new taxes on property. In spite of some Arab buying interest and repeated assurances from the Government that the rent freeze will be removed by 1976 confidence has not returned. institutional

managers simply do not believe that the Government means what it says. Others, probably rightly, believe that the assurances were sincere; but they also believe that the amount of property overhanging the market is such that the same investments will be available more cheaply at a future are to come out without a heavy

date.
They fear, too, that the assurances might crumble in stances.

There are other good reasons for remaining liquid. As in-dustry's cash need becomes more urgent the institutions will support operation. be under pressure to play their part where they have large equity investments. Finance For Industry already has a claim on their attention and the Government's unprecedentedly high borrowing requirement suggests that gilts will absorb a large quantity of institutional

the answer could be to bring forward the date for relaxing the rent freeze, and its view has found much support in the City and among property companies.

John Plender on the root of the trouble in the banking system

Certainly if the freeze was taken off tomorrow the value of reversionary property would move sharply upwards. It is also claimed that the prospect of a growing income again in property would prompt the in-stitutions to spark off a more general rise in property values, in which case the banking system would be off the hook.

The attractions of the argument are its simplicity and its claim to solve everyone's problems at a stroke. Perhaps that explains why it has not always been treated with the scepticism it deserves.

For even assuming that the

measure could be introduced without making further serious inroads into the social contract, it will well achieve the oppo-site, in some respects, of what it set out to do. The reason the banking

system is in trouble in property can be traced back to the extraordinary monetary expansion under the Tories in 1971-73. Low industrial investment meant that the weight of funds flowing into property was excessive : so much so that values reached absurdly high levels which sometimes bore little relation to any realistic assumption about future income.

Secondary banks were often advancing up to 100 per cent of value on property last year. If they, and the clearing banks which are now supporting them, loss, property values would have to rise to absurd levels once again-which would call for changed economic circum another monetary bubble of similar proportions-or rather, to more absurd levels in order to cover the interest charged by the clearing banks on their

> A return to last year's values looks even more unlikely in the light of the deterioration in the economic climate and the effect of the rent freeze. Commercial rent levels are

primarily determined by what happens in the letting market. Past legislation restricting property development had already



Gordon Richardson, Governor of the Bank of England: the case for relaxing rents.

brought about a rapid escalation in rent levels before the freeze by restricting the supply of space in many parts of the Since the freeze the letting

market has been operating under even more artificial constraints and rents for some classes of property have shown abnormal rises. If the rent freeze were removed tomorrow, rent levels in this extremely marginal market would suddenly become applicable to the whole of industry and commerce as rent reviews and reversions became due.

In the past rent has not represented a particularly high per-centage of industry's costs. When the cash crisis becomes acute, however, marginal costs will look more important. As reversions fall in on leases

where the historic rent may be a fraction of today's market levels, some companies will simply move elsewhere. Rent simply move elsewhere. Rent levels could show a sharp initial It is possible that institutional

property is now probably be-tween 7½ per cent and 8 per cent compared with nearly 18 per cent on undated gilts.

They might well require a higher yield to compensate for the increasing risk in property investment and the possibility

of a wild rush to put property on the market cannot be ruled out, which would raise yields even further.

None of this necessarily means that the banking system would derive no benefit at all the term of the real than the lifetime of the lifetime of the real than the lifetime of the life from the lifting of the rent freeze. There are plenty of good quality property companies which are still showing a surplus of assets over liabilities on a realistic basis, but whose cash problems are from poor financing of a large development pro gramme.

They and their bankers might stand a better chance of coming out intact.
Few of the

bankers, on the other hand, have many clients in that category. They are more heavily committed in secondary properties where recovery may well have to be measured in years rather than months. That alone removes a signifi-

cant attraction of lifting the rent freeze now rather than later. And the secondary banks also have a heavy commitment in building land and residential property.

Discount

Here, perhaps, there is better scope for mild reflationary action on the part of the Gov-ernment. Many new houses are now selling at a large discount against their replacement value. A recovery in the private hous-ing market might therefore give rise to less economic distortion than any attempt to push commercial property values back up to their former levels.

That alone, however, nor be enough to bring health back to the banking system. In which case the rate of increase in the money supply over the next 12 months may ultimately be dictated less by broad econo mic considerations than by the need to stave off a seizure in investors would also react cautiously as they discovered that rents could go down as well as up. The yield on prime office recession.

Post Office takes a digital path towards the phone network of the future which concentrates the various

A strange-sounding advance in code modulation or PCM, was technology was marked by the Post Office yesterday. Electroequalization facilities and multilex-demultiplex equipments

Behind the jargon lies a significant development in tele- Post Office on its junction net-communications. It enables more work, linking telephone and higher quality telephone exchanges up to 30km apart. By conversations to be carried over existing telephone lines and is the key to the national telecommunications network of the

The occasion was the start of field trials, along a 66 km trunk line between Guildford and Portsmouth, of the Post Office's first high-speed digital trans-mission system. "Digital" is ere an alternative to analogue", the traditional way of sending signals along tele-

In analogue telephone transmission, an electric signal is continuously modulated by the fluctuating speech pattern imposed on it.
In digital transmission, the

speech waveform is in effect sliced into many pieces and the amplitude of each slice is measured and signalled along the line very rapidly. This sig-nalling is in binary form—the yes/no, on/off code used by digital computers.

The concept of digital com-

put forward by the late Alec Reeves of Standard Telecomnics specialists spoke of optional munication Laboratories in jitter reducers and dependent 1938. But its practical impleregenerative repeaters, of automentation had to await the semiconductor developments of the 1950s. In 1968 a 24-channel PCM

system was introduced by the comparison, the link inaugurated yesterday can carry 1,680 channels; that is, it can handle 1,680 telephone calls simultaneously. This high capacity results from the speed of transmission of the new system—120 million binary digits a second, com-

pared with 1.5 million for the earlier version. The Guildford-Portsmouth link is claimed to be the first high-speed digital line transmission system in Europe. It uses equipment designed, made and installed by Alec Reeves' company, Standard Telephone and Cables, under a Post Office development contract.

Two other companies are also under contract to instal a simi-lar system. They are the corporation's other main suppliers, GEC and Plessey. The digital method gives two

main benefits. It enormously increases the capacity of a given line (or microwave radio link), and it gives much clearer speech over long distances. (It binary there is no loss of quality along the line.)

transmission was itself justified

transmitting computer data. Using analogue transmission, digital-to-analogue converters known as modems (modulatordemodulators) are needed at each end of the line

28 viewphone channels or up to 224 sound programme channels. Transmission is one element

The introduction of digital

In parallel with the new line

transmission system, two stages of "multiplexing" equipment—

separate channels into a single stream—have been developed.

Speaking at Portsmouth yesterday, Mervyn Williams, director of telecommunications development at the Post Office, new voice-to-voice digital system was important not only for its technical achievement, but also ecause it represented important step forward in Post Office plans for an integrated

Bernard Mills, general mana-

"Early implementation should give British industry the fully gaining a dominant position in the export market as it

The "field trials" of the new experimental system which are now beginning will, ironically, not involve actual telephone calls over the digital link. Real telephone traffic will be simu-lated by generating digital sig-

nals, passing them along the line and monitoring the per-formance and reliability of the More than one million chan-

vice.

Kenneth Owen

Business Diary: From deer to dray horse • Patiño paroxysm

ome six years after their us Babycham business was ed into Allied Breweries, owering is to take over at op of Britain's second lar-drinks concern (after Bass rington), Sir Gerald Thorat 62 and after 40 years in brewery industry, five of in the chair at Allied, es at the end of the present sical year next September.

om January 1, Keith rering, easily the largest sholder on the Allied board, mes deputy chairman and man-designate. Under him be Derrick Holden-Brown Tom Boardman, now back Allied after his spell in the ard Heath Administration, of whom become executive -chairmen with specific onsibilities. lowering has been heading

Allied's successful non-beer ness, one of whose winners abycham and its deer mus--and Holden-Brown, too, a background in the wine ctor and will continue to charge of the finance funcir Gerald's background is dif-

nt. A chartered surveyor, he a somewhat reluctant conto the brewery trade in the -1930s when he joined Ind pe of which his father was e will remain an Allied rd member, and he also has

n managing director. umber of other irons in the notably the chairmanship ritish Sugar Corporation. feanwhile, it is good to hear outgoing brewery chief ex-ssing the view that the in-try still has the ability and litional strengths to weather

present storms.



Keith Showering: taking over

"We do have a lot of bricks a background in the wine and mortar still, you know, as e, although he is now finance opposed to a lot of stock which you can't sell ", he reminded Business Diary.

Patrick Keenan, a 42-year-old Canadian, today finds himself president and chief executive of the mysterious Patino mining empire after a spate of board-room resignations over "differences of opinion on policy matters ".

A terse announcement was vesterday issued from Patino NV's headquarters in The Hague through the London offices of its British subsidiary, Consoli-dated Tin Smelters—chief executive, Patrick Keenan.
This merely said that presi-

dent and chief executive. International, the Stansted-General Rene Lévêque, had as based independent airline of Wednesday been replaced by folded two years ago. Today, Keenan, and that three other they're busy finding jobs for directors, all French, had also resigned. Hankerers after con-tinuity were obliged with the comforting reassurance that Antenor Patino R is to continue as chairman of the board.

Keenan, also chief executive

of the other Patino UK subsidiary, Amalgamated Metal Cor-

poration, was yesterday unforthcoming in the best Patino style about the clash. Indeed, he wanted more information than he was prepared to impart. Where would The Times print the news, he asked, and expressed the hope that it would be at the back of the paper, buried deep down in the small

Canada, Patiño stock Ιπ dipped on the announcement, while in London, where Patino is not actively traded, it was being assumed that the resignations were over disagreements with the Patino family.

Keenan joined Patino in Canada 10 years ago, before the assets of the Patino Mining Corporation were transferred to Patino NV, a wholly-owned subsidiary with headquarters in The Hague. He joined the board as vice-president, trea-surer and director four years

dated Tin placed in creditors' deputy superintending Inspection of Factories, and therefore a man whose ultimate master is none other than Michael Foot.

Job funders

in June last year, Consoli-

based independent arrine folded two years ago. Today, they're busy finding jobs for other aviation people who find themselves similarly placed.

Willis and co founded Airline Appointments, a Loudon-based specialist employment agency. In the last year, they have placed about 100 pilots,

mostly with helicopter firms battening upon the oil-prospect-ing boom, or with the still-fat airlines of the emergent countries.
Willis was Lloyd's managing director, Shepherd sales direcmanaging and technical direc-tor. They now have 2,000 air-line employees on their books, half of them flight staff.

Only 200 of these are actually out of work. The others just keep their names in the computer in case something better

Mr Horn's shoe The Golden Shoe is neither, as you might imagine, a euphemism for The Boot nor a more vigorous form of golden handshake. It is an award—of a single shoe—made in London yesterday—appropriately enough to a Mr Horn—by makers of safety footwear. The guest of honour at the

The award went to Mont Horn, of Higham Ferrers, JOD IIIICETS

Northamptonshire, as 3,000th

Montickendam were Club, for his foresight in wearall out of a job when Lloyd

occasion was Robin Seymour,

of flat truck (carrying leather) tipped forward, trapping his foot. Another award, of a £200

cheque, was made to Peter Dennis, a machine operator of St Neors, Huntingdon, for his slogan "Safety shoes are cheaper than crushed toes". Safety shoes, unlike gloves and goggles, are rarely issued free to employees. The reason, explained a Sheffield maker, Ken Tomlinson, was that many men demanded safety shoes so

Kuwaiti pupils

out of work.

dressy that they could be worn

Andrew McCosh, Professor of Management Accounting at the Manchester Business School, and Bill Davies, senior industrial fellow, are off to Kuwait today to sell British management edu-

McCosh has a foot in the door over there, through Morris Mc Innes. He and McInnes were colleagues, first at Harvard and then at MBS.

McInnes is now finance direc tor of Youssef Alghanim, a big Kuwaiti import export trader.

Ideally, the MBS team would like Kuwaitis to come to the school; Davies, for instance, runs MBS short management

The school is also willing to go to the pupils and to send teachers to Kuwait. McCosh and Davies will spend seven days there, talking their way through a programme organized by McInnes and heavily weighted towards the Kuwaiti financial

It also enables a given line to

carry a mixture of transmissions—telephone, data, broadcast sound and/or television—at the same time. The 1,680 telephone channels are equivalent to one colour television channel, up to

work; switching is another. By extending digital transmission into the trunk network, the Post Office will have the basis for an integrated digital system embracing both elements

on economic grounds, the corporation determined. And further economies would arise from digital switching. By moving towards an all-digital trunk network, the Post Office will ease the process of

One of these stages is by GEC, the other by Pye-TMC.

digital network.

ger of STC's transmission divi-sion, said: "It is our earnest hope that the Post Office will maintain their current plans for the introduction of digital line systems into the network.

opportunity of capitalizing on its technological lead and hopedevelops "

nel-miles of the earlier 24-

channel RCM systems are in use in the United Kingdom at present, linking telephone ex-changes up to 30km apart. Their introduction has enabled large traffic growth to be accommocables; more than 3,000 of these systems are now in ser

Since the introduction of the 24-channel system into the United Kingdom network in 1968, international standards have evolved. Two distinct designs have been recommended. a 24-channel system which follows Bell proposals (not the British system) and a 30-channel system which has been adopted throughout Europe.

This latter system will supersede the present 24-channel de-sign in Britain. Field-trial 30channel equipment is being in-stalled by five contractors on different routes; this should lead to production systems being available for service from about

The Clydesdale Investment Company Limited

1974	1973
40½p	86p
£34,929,445	£63,983,279
£820,557	£529,640
0,4375p 1,0625p	0.4375p 0.70p
	40½p £34,929,445 £820,557 0,4375p

3.88391% ordinary shares 1.29522% Mr. J.A. Lumsden covered the following points in his review of the year to 30th September 1974, posted to shareholders on 12th December 1974.

deposit interest, but income from quoted investments increased by over £100,000. On the capital side the steep reduction in asset value per share reflects the unprecedented falls in stock market values everywhere, and this has been accentuated by the necessity to make provision for the purchase of premium currency to meet the shortfall on the currency loans.

Gross revenue increased from £1,939,907 to £2,385,480. Most of the increase came from

The only significant change in the geographical distribution of our equity investments is the further reduction in the UK percentage from 42.10 to 34.29 per cent. During the year the percentage of total assets held on deposit has been materially increased, and since the year-end there has been a further net realisation of equities.

the investment outlook.

At the present time there is little confidence in any stock market throughout the world. Inflation remains a major threat to the economies of most countries, and the problems flowing from it have led to a marked recession everywhere.

it right to retain a substantial proportion of our investments in the USA, although in the short-term the recession may continue to depress stock prices. In the present circumstances we intend to maintain and possibly increase our present overall

liquidity position, and thus retain maximum flexibility to take advantage of any change in

In the UK, we are not inclined to reinvest until the outlook is a good deal clearer. We think

Annual General Meeting The annual general meeting will be held on Monday 13th January 1975 at 2.30 p.m. at 175 West George Street, Glasgow G2 2LD.

MANAGED BY MURRAY JOHNSTONE LIMITED



Arthur Lee moves smartly ahead to reach £3.65m pre-tax

Expectations of pre-tax profits fin plus, but were needed to of around £3.8m from Arthur finance replacement of stock. Lee, the Sheffield steel group.
In its year to September 30 last were almost fulfilled with a 74 satisfied the market. The shares lindustries now say that these

per cent jump to £3.65m. Sales
rose by 56 per cent to £43m.

The directors report that
profits would have been even
better but for an insufficient flow of materials from United downturn sometime next year, which will permit a return to Kingdom suppliers and legisla-toreshadowed by the weakness tion delaying and curbing in strip. The overseas content in increases in selling prices. Stock profits is small.

English Card strengthens

56m, and a more than trebled board predicts that the second inc so rapidly that forecasting half will be in line with the beyond March, 1975, becomes pre-tax profit of £1.35m. The half will be in line with the first so an outturn of something uncertain.

Last year at English Card like £2.7m is expected, against Clothing started slowly, but the second half produced doubled margins. This trend has continued and the first six months as Section 1.75 and 1.75 Eagainst 2.8 has brought as 1.75 Eagainst 2.8 has 1.75 Eagainst 2.75 Eagainst to September 28 has brought a to 1.2p. Earnings a share come out at 7.5p. against 2.8p. Som, and a more than trebled Order books remain good,

profits more than doubled to

By Ashley Druker Predicting the worst some three weeks ago-a £1m turnlosses will not continue for the

Redundancy

as price of

recovery at

Dimplex

rest of the year. The directors base their hopes on steps taken by Dimplex Ltd and Controlled Heating Units profitability on a reduced turn-

But since the start of the critical selling season in September, weekly monitoring of sales, stock, production and cash flow has resulted in redundancies for about 350 workers. In the 28 weeks to October 11 the loss amounted to £501,000 which, after a tax credit of some £282,000, gives a net drop into the red of £219,000.

As known there has been a

serious deterioration in the business of the major unit. Dimplex Ltd. normally accounting for at least 75 per cent of sales.

A 50 per cent jump in exports was not enough to offset the severe downturn at home.

Associated Food peak at midterm

While other groups have been hit by the legislative controls on margins a sociated Food Hold The board states that the ings, the leading grocery discrecent Budget proposals for tributor within the Spar-Vivo deferment of corporation tax organization, has pushed its offer some easement in the profit this time to be lower than taxable profits in the half year problems of cash flow, and the the previous period's £245,000 to believe it will be to October 26 to peak levels. company will be entitled to a This was helped by the inclusion from Upward & Rich of payments of about \$600.000 due nine weeks' figures before acqui sition. Taxable profits show an in total deferring the greater increase of 21 per cent from part of the mainstream corpor2475,000 to \$576,000 on sales ation tax payable for the current boosted by 47.6 per cent from £35m to £51.9m. Upward & Rich contributed profits of \$53,000 and sales of \$2.5m. The interim dividend is being lifted from 2p to 2.98p and the board say they are satisfied with current trading. They expect the full

Anderson Strathclyde £1.2m tax deferment

panies in the food sector.

Up from £1.95m to 52.43m

shortly will also be deferredin total deferring the greater

Partial recovery by Redfearn

The promised second half recovery by Redfearn National Glass following the first balf 33 year results to compare favourably with other similar comper cent downturn in taxable profits has materialized. The second balf showed a much smaller fall, of 11.6 per cent from £949,000 to £839,000 but the full year's profit to September 29 is, nevertheless, down by 20 per cent from £1.5m to £1.2m. Turnover, on the other hand, has jumped to a peak level of £21m, against last year's £18.3m—the second half producing £11.5m against £9.77m. The total dividend is being raised from 4.46p to 5.01p with a final nayment of 3.7n. Earnpre-tax in the preceding full year, Anderson Strathclyde last June viewed the outlook ahead as promising. Turnover for the 28 weeks to October 12 was raised from £11.13m to £14.78m, on which trading profit increased from £109m to £1.33m, but after interest of £1.33m, but after interest of £274,000 against nil, the pre-tax is slightly down from £1.09m to 14.35p to 9.29p.

Toothill orders up

Although Mr E. Hall, chairman of R. W. Toothill, furniture manufacturers, expects profit this time to be lower than pre-tax he believes it will be "reasonably satisfactory" in view of the conditions and justify at least a maintained dividend of 5.25p.
In the half year to September

30 profits before tax were down from £145,000 to £19,000 and sales, excluding VAT, from £1.15m to £756,000. But in recent months order intake has improved substantially and production raised. The indications are that this will continue.

Arlington Motor

Having pushed its interim pre-tax profits up from £367,000 to a record £433,000, Arlington Motor Holdings is looking for a better result for the full term than the £768.000 peak achieved last term.

Turnover increased 59.9m to £10.9m, while on attributable profits of £200.000. against £184.000, the interim payment is raised from 2p to 2.10p and a total of at least 8.78p, against 8.68p is expected. The second half has started

well with turnover for October and November rising 20 per cent on last term.

Industrial films

Hard sell on Algarve apartments

Sponsored films come in many shapes and at many different levels of sophistication in their approach to audiences Airport are our Business for potential buyers of Costain's airport expertise, has little in common with another new Costain film, Sometimes I Dream. This is a straightforward 22 minutes hard selling of the amenities of Vale do Lobo. a 600-acre development in the Algarve in which Costain in partnership with Trust Huses Forte provide for sale or rent houses in "a blend of traditional Moorish and modern Portuguese " styles.

Amenities is the key word: the swimming pools, the 27hole golf course and the rest look particularly attractive, viewed on a wet December day in London. The audience again potential customers: but the product, though expensive, is a lot cheaper than an airport, and the customers correspoudingly more numerous.

It is a different scene in Living at Thamesmead (Tara Films, 27min), from the GLC. The Thamesmead development is a remarkable exercise in planning, and here we have a rairly detailed picture of what has happened so far, semi-fictionalized with two rather idealized teenagers, but with a good ration of the real inhabiselves—recognizably unlike the inhabitants of Vale do Lobo.

Audience here, for a hard-working down-to-earth film, obviously GLC ratepayers, as evidence of money usefully spent, plus the very many beople outside London in-

rerested in urban development. Back in the air we have Rothman's *The Display* (VSF Films, 16min). Aviation enthusiasts who are still enjoying The Wind in the Wires will welcome this new Edwards contribution.

The Rothman's aerobatic eam and others are seen in vivid action in the setting of an air display: no commentary but some quite extraordinary aerial photography. Audience— everyone interested in the air-Cinema audiences are seeing it now, the kind of sponsored film that can run the ordinary second feature into the ground As could Alice in Label Land Richard Taylor Cartoon Pilms. 13 minutes). It is enlightened of the COI to use brilliant animation, instead of conventional lecture, to "explain in simple terms certain sections of the Leballing of Food Regu-lations. The Ministry has been well served by a delight-ful and instructive film. Pri-marily for schools and consumers' and women's organiza-tions, it is also for Alice fans, who will find it closer to Tenniel than ever Disney was.

The Post Office plays it safe in Hard Day (Cygnet Films, 15 minutes), a competent story demonstration of some of the ways in which we make our elephone lives more difficult than they need be. The Badger Account, two years back, was directed mainly at management; this is primarily for extension users, and everyone who has ever suffered at the hands of a switchhoard, or indeed an executive concerned to pass the buck, will hope that it gets a wide showing in offices By way of postscript, salute to

a new initiative. The first half of an Anglo-German film ex-change gave us recently at the Shell Centre six German indus-trial films including Au Auto, that splendidly ironic view of the motor car and the blood it sheds. It won a Grand Prix at Amsterdam in 1972.

The second half of the exchange, early next year, will take a set of British films to Germany; and it may be hoped that this first exercise of its kind, organized on the English side by the British Industrial and Scientific Film Association, will be followed by other such exchanges, bringing some of the best foreign productions to audiences that cannot go to international festivals.

international festivals.

Apologies to Costain. Last time we erroneously put a price taz on Airports are our business. which is, of course, available on

Eynon Smart

STEWARTS & LLOYDS OF SOUTH AFRICA LIMITED

Group Results for the year ended 30 September 1974 and Declaration of Dividends

Audited results of the Group for the year ended 30 September 1974 with comparable figures for the previous year are as follows:

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	ear Ended September 1974	Year Ended 30 September 1975
	ROXII 179 265	R000
Sales	(
Operating Surplus Before Tax	17 57) 7 765	4 64.62 4 44.5
licome after taxishon	10 103 639	5 (43 (46
Net Income Before Extraordinary Item Surplus Arising on disposal of non-trading assets	9 369 50	5 ms (4)
Net Income	0 113	4 184 6 727
·	IA Thi	11 311
This has been dealt with at totlows: Distributable Reserve Non-Distributable Reserve Preference dividend	103 103 36	1=1 25
Ordinary dividend of 13 cents per share 08 22 510 533 shares (1973—10 cents)	2 226	7.24
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Retained income at end of the year ,	o 30.	- 443
	15 762	11 9 1

During most of the financial year your Group of companies enjoyed byelv market conditions. The imprecedented demand for Group manufactured and factored products and the effects of inflation are reflected in sales and profit

performance.

Normal accounting procedures reflect increases in sales and profit before tay of Hig and Sof, respectively. In order to reveal real performance and the effects of inflation, the annual report of the Group will contain a certailed comparison of the results published in this notice with the results obtained when inflation accounting techniques are applied. The direct effect of inflation on net income is R5 170 (80) which will be transferred to distributable reserves. In our interim report of 20 April 1974 we menhoned that consideration was being given to changing linancial policy to cater for the adequate replacement of existing plant and for funding the righter cost of inventors and real "rooth The Board has since implemented changes in policy to increasing both divided cover and the long-term funds of the Group. Netwithanding these charges the dividend has been raised from 10 cents to 13 cents per share.

On 13 August 1974. R8m unsecured debentures redeemable between 1856 1866 were placed privately at a fixed interest rate of 11.78% or a rate of 1.78% above the minimum commercial bank overdraft rate from time to time with a maximum rate of 146%. Towards the end of 146 interest rate inflowed orders from consumer durable manufacturers and from the building industry. This has impact on approximately 1856 of our husiness Other market sectors have so far remained stable. These changes in the economy may well indicate the commencement of a period of difficult business conditions.

On hefalt of the Board.

Declaration of Dividends

Notice is hereby given that the undermentioned dividends have been declared. Preference dividend. A dividend of 6% per annum for the six months ending 31 December 1974 payable to the holders of the six per cent first cumulative preference shares registered in the books of the company at the close of humans on 13 December 1974.

Ordinary dividend No 43 A dividend of 13 cents per share for the financial sear ended 30 September 1974 payable in the holders of the ordinary registered in the books of the company at the close of business on 13 December 1974.

The preference and ordinary dividends are declared in the current of the

December 1974. The preference and ordinary dividends are declared in the currency of the Republic of South Africa. In terms of the South Africa Income Tax Act. 1926, as amended the dividends are subject to the deduction of non-resident sharefuelders have the tax will be deducted at the applicable rate in the case of shareholders shake addresses in the share registers are outside the Republic of South Africa. The registers including the United Kingdom Office preference share registers, will be closed from 14 December to 31 December 1774, both dates inclusive.

2 December 1974

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ANGLO AMERICAN CORPORATION GROUP TRANSVAAL GOLD MINING COMPANIES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that dividends have been declared in Scuth African currency, payable to members registered in the books of the undermentioned companies at the close of business on 27th December, 1974, and to persons presenting the relevant coupons detached from share warrants to bearer. A notice regarding payment of dividends on coupon No. 72 detached from share warrants to bearer issued by the Scuth African Land & Exploration Company immed will be published in the press by the London Secretaries of that company on or about 20th December, 1974.

December, 1974.

The transfer registers and registers of members will be closed in each case from 28th December, 1974, to 10th January, 1975, both days inclusive, and warrains will be posted from the Johannesburg and United Kingdom orlices of the transfer secretaries on or about 6th February, 1975. Registered members paid from the United Kingdom will receive the United Kingdom currency equivalent on 28th January, 1975, of the rand value of their dividends (less appropriate taxes). Any such members may however slect to be paid in South African currency, provided that the request is received at the others of the transfer secretaries in Johannesburg or in the United Kingdom or or before 27th December, 1974.

The effective rate of non-resident shareholders law for menuoned companies is 15 per cent.

The dividends are payable subject to conditions which can be at the head and London offices of the companies and also at its the companies' transfer secretaries in Johannesburg and its termination.

Name of company leach of which is incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)	Ulvidend Ng.	Coupon No.	Rate of dividend per share
East Daggafontein Mines	70		10 cents
The South African Lend & Exploration Company Limited	71	7 2	42.5 cents
Vaal Reels Exploration and Mining Company Limited	37	-	120 cents
Western Deep Levels Limited	25		90 cents

ANGLO AMERICAN CORPORATION OF SOUTH

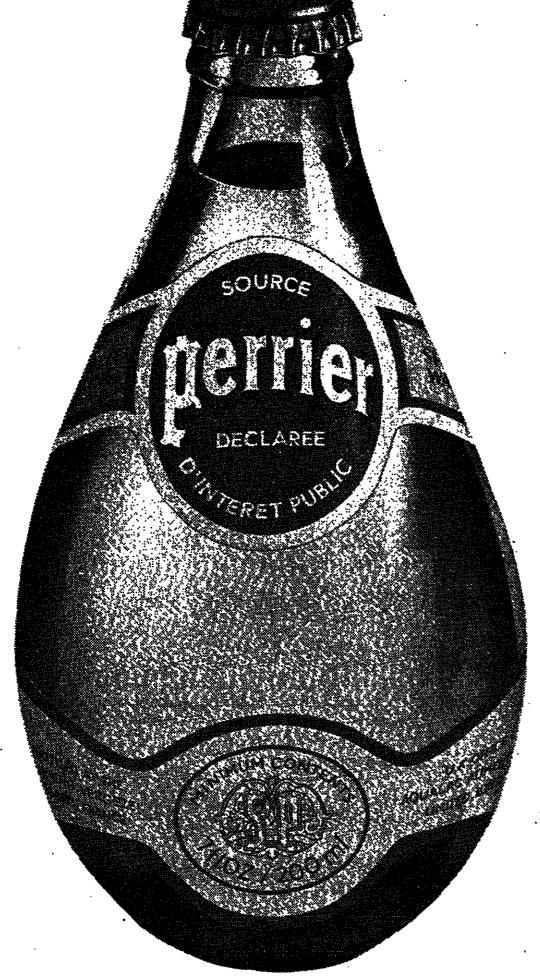
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THE TIMES GUIDE TO THE **HOUSE OF COMMONS** OCTOBER. 1974

The seven-month gap between the two 1974 elections is the shortest this century. The gravity of the political and economic situation has given added interest to the balance of power and its likely effects. The Times Gulde to the House of Commons October 1974 is a unique and invaluable source of reference giving full details of the voting, pictures of all MPs. biographies of members and unsuccessful candidates, a survey of voting trends, and full statistical tables. The pull-out map gives visual details of how the country voted with all the constituency boundaries.

The Times Guide to the House of Commons October 1974 will be on sale in bookshops on December 9, or it can be ordered direct from the publishers by completing the coupon below in

block letters using a ball point pen.



From the people who brought you food.

What the French don't know about eating probably isn't worth eating, and that includes what they drink when they eat.

And they drink Perrier. They say the natural sparkling

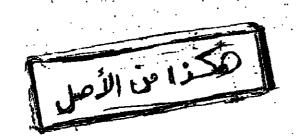
spring water refreshes the palate, separates the flavours, and brings out the true taste of the food.

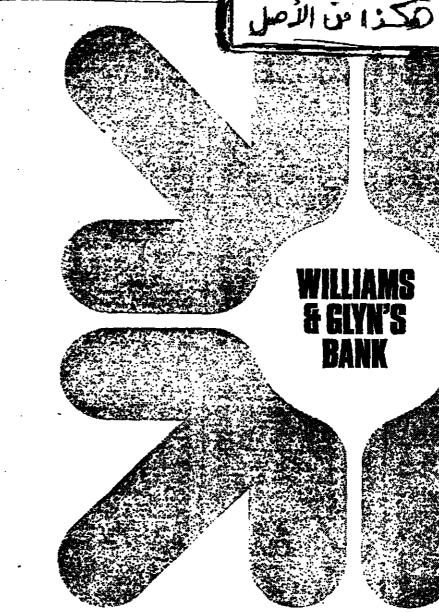
They drink a million bottles every day, and if you think that's extravagant, remember one thing.

On the subject of food, thevive never ever been wrong.



With added je ne sais quoi.





Statement to the Shareholders by the Chairman, Mr. J.O. Blair-Cum nghame

The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of National and Commercial Banking Group Limited will be held in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh, on Thursday, 9th January 1975, at 12 noon. The following is from the Statement by Mr. J. O. Blair-Cunynghame, O.B.E., LL.D., D.Sc., Chairman of the Board.

The Royal Bank

of Scotland

RESULTS

The Group profit before taxation, including the appropriate share of associated companies' results for the year ended 30th September 1974, amounted to £51,336,000 representing an increase of £8,718,000, or 20 per cent, over the previous year. A sum of £4,800,000, after taxation relief, was set aside in Williams & Glyn's Bank this year as an additional provision against advances and after charging this amount the profit after taxation amounted to £20,010,000 compared with £23,325,000 last time.

There were three principal factors common to both banks—indeed to the whole banking industry—which influenced these results. Firstly, costs rose steeply during the year, in our case more than 30 per cent. Secondly, there has been a slower growth of the money supply generally which is reflected in the slower rise in the Group's resources. It is, however, very encouraging to report an increase by both the Royal Bank of Scotland and Williams & Glyn's Bank in their current account totals. Thirdly, although average base rate was 3.7 per cent higher at 12.34 per cent, the rate of increase in the year from September 1973 was again less than in the previous twelve months.

The results of the whole Group during a year of growing difficulty and uncertainty reflect not only the respective experience of the two main operating banks in their rather different commercial environments but also, in aggregate, the strength and flexibility provided by their complementary nature.

Royal Bank of Scotland Group: Pre-tax profits, including associated companies, have increased by £7,935,000, or 36 per cent, to a total of £30,218,000. A substantial rise in foreign currency lending reflects the growing interest of the Royal Bank of Scotland in international business generally. There has also been a significant expansion in the business of the leasing subsidiary due largely to North Sea oil activities.

Williams & Glyn's Bank Group: Pre-tax profits, including associated companies, show a rise of £1,383,000, or 7 per cent, to a figure of £21,758,000. A sizeable contribution to the total profits continues to come from foreign exchange business. The rise in average sterling deposits included an increased share in the total of the London Clearing Banks' current accounts.

THE BUTTIRE

For us in the banking industry it is a time to exercise our well established principles of prudence and caution and, in providing our traditional service to customers, to conserve our resources so as to be able to give the maximum help to industry and commerce in a whole variety of different situations. These will include calls for large increases in working capital due to inflation and temporary shortages in liquidity arising from the exceptional conditions or to provide fresh capital on medium term avidly required by vigorous new and expanding technology. This last requirement is particularly true of some aspects of Scotland just now.

We do not intend to allow our enterprise or spirit of innovation to be totally eclipsed by today's conditions. Nevertheless one of the heavy burdens of the circumstances is the amount of executive time consumed firstly by dealing with such special situations as the operations to support the secondary banks and secondly by the almost continual dialogue with the authorities on the various technicalities of new practices and procedures which are being evolved to deal with the present situation. In all this work we need and want the closer understanding of the authorities themselves and of our customers and shareholders. Our staff from the most senior to the most junior are carrying the heavy load cheerfully.

If the reason for our present difficulties in this and other countries does indeed lie deep in the hearts and minds of men and is evident in a discontent with the present degree and rate of social change then it is only by a better mutual understanding of each other's anxieties, wishes and objectives that we can make any real progress. The obligation to explain one's own processes and achievements is just as strong as to listen to those of others.

14th November 1974.

SALIENT FIGURES	1974	1973
Profit before taxation and additional		
provision against advances	£51,336,000	£42,618,000
Profit after taxation	£20,010,000	£23,325,000
Farnings per 25p ordinary share	8.9p	10.4p
Dividend per 25p ordinary share	2.0082p	1.865p
Deposits and customers' current accounts		
(including notes in circulation)	<i>£</i> 2,727,816,000	£2,141,633,000
Total assets	£3,004,093,000	£2,404,904,000

Copies of the Directors' Report and Accounts containing the full statement may be obtained from The Secretary, National and Commercial Banking Group Limited, 36 St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2 YB.

National and Commercial Banking Group Limited

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LEGAL NOTICES

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In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court. In the Mailer of CHINGFORD MOUNT CEMETERY COMPANY Limited And in the Mailer of the Companies Art 1948.

Notice is hereby eigen that a PETITION for the WINDING-CP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 5th day of December presented to the said Court by Ahney Perk Centeury Campany Limited whose registered office is situate at Bod-fordia House, 4 Goldington Road. Bedford in the County of Bedford. And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strend, London WC2 on Monday 20th Jahnary 1975; and any Creditor or Contributory of the said Company destrous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any Creditor or Contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on nayment of the regulated charge for the said Company requiring such copy on nayment of the regulated charge for the same.

MESSES. BORNEO MARKELL

MESSIS. BORNEO MARTELL
& PARTNERS. of Diron
House, 77/85 Rarper Street,
Bedford, Solicitors for the
Petitioner,

Petitioner.

NOTE: Any person who intends to appear on its hearing of the said Petition must serve or send by post to the said Petition must serve or send by post to the shove-named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person. Or, if a firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicinor (if any), and must be served or firm, and must be served or solicinor in the solicinor (if any), and must be served or in sofficient time to reach the above-named not later than 4 o clock in the afternoon of the 17th January 1975.

No. OCC191 of 1974

named not later than 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the 17th January 1975.

No. 002991 of 1974

IN the Might Court of Justice Chancery Division Companies Court in the Matter of GORDEVA FINANCE United and in the Matter of Matter of GORDEVA FINANCE United and in the Matter of Ma

namen flot later than 2 o'clock high eftermoon of the 17th day of January 1975.

No. 002990 of 1971

In the High Court of Justice Canactery Division Companies Court in the Matter of NARFRAM Limited and in the Matter of NARFRAM Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Notice is hereby given that the PETITION for the Windling UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 2nd day of December 1975. Presented to the said Court by the Governor and Company of the Bank of Scotland incorporated by the Act of Parliament; whose head office is situate at The Mound, Edinburgh. EH1 172, and that the taid Petition is of Parliament; whose head office is situate at The Mound, Edinburgh. EH1 172, and that the taid Petition is of the court of the Said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor of contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

DURANT PIESSE, T3 Cheappille. London EC2 of the Said Company requiring such charge for the same.

DURANT PIESSE, T3 Cheappille. A post of the same and address of the firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be served, or, if a firm, the name and address of the person or firm or his or their solicinor (if any). And must be served, or, if any posted must be sent by post in the afternoon of the 17th day of Limited and in the Matter of The Indicated and in the Matter of The Indicated and in the Matter of The Indicated and in the Matter of The

In the Matter of POLMEAD ENTERTAINMENTS (NEWCASTLE)
Limited, and in the Matter of The
Commanies Art. 1948,
Notice Is hereby given that the
CREDIAL World is being volumed
Limited wound up, are required, on
the before the 10th day of January,
1975, to send in their full Curistian
and surrannes, their addresses and
descriptions, full particulars of their
debts or claims, and the names and

this 29th day of November.

proved. ited this 4th day of December,

LEONARD C. CURTIS,

In the Matter of The Companies Act.

1948 and in the Matter of STRATTONS WINE BAR Limited Registered
Office: 51/36. Foley Street. London, wild SEY.

Notice is hereby given pursuant
to Section. 2500 of the Companies
Section 2500 of the Companies
CREDITORS of the above of the
COMPANY will be held at Room 450
(Second Floot). Salishury Horses,
London Wall, S.C. 2. in the City of
London, on Tuesday. Sist
December, 1974, at 11.00 a.m. for
the purpose mentioned in Section
294 et seq of the said Act.
Dated this 11th day of December,
1974.

By Order of the Board,
PHILIP L. OLIVER,
Socretary.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a MEBTING of the Chepitors of the above-named Company will be held at Winchester E.C.S. on Goodey, 50th December, 1974, at 3.00 hm, for the purpose mentioned in Section 294 et seq of the said Act, Dated this 9th day of December, 1974.

WINTER TRADING CO. LIMITED

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies act. 1948, that a MELTING of the CREDITORS of the above-named Company will be held at. The Bonshigton Hotel, Southampton Row London W.C.I. on Thursday, the 19th day of December at 3,00 p.m. for the purposes mentioned in Section 294 and 295 of the 20th Act. December 1974.

By Order of the Board Act. By Order of the Board M. MOSTON Director.

BRENDON SECURITIES LIMITED.

PAUL O'NEILL

M. J. COLEMAN.

SCRUEBS LANE SERVICE STATION
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I MALCOLM J. COLEMAN, F.C.A.
of Messes, Jeffreys Henry Rudolf &
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notics that I was APPOINTED
LIQUIDATOR in the above matter
on 10th December, 1974, All debts
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the above address by 31st January.

NEWSPAPER FOR SALE

For rate, well established free dirtuishing recognition on west Cormwall, Good accounts Existing staff willing to re-main. Tei. Penzance 5544

NORTH SEA OIL

British Company with over products seven tumber thance to meet rapid expansion in North Sea and World Markets. While in first instance Box 2504 D. Inn Lines.

RECENTLY ARRIVED businessman with 150,000 to invest seeks at the cartefactors in suitable, profitable established concern, preferably retail Genuine propositions only. Box 0127 M. The bures.

PUCCESSFUL GROUP OF COM-PANIES, ample capital, seeks nur-chase Business Equily Partitiona-tion Expansion,—Box 0279 M. The Times.

TRANSFER BOOKS

THE GEORGE COHEN 600 GROUP Notice is beyond given that the TRANSFER ROOKS and REGISTER OF ORDINARY STOCKHOLDERS of the Company will be (LOSED on Frida). 20th December. 1973 for one day and Director and Secretary. Wood Land. Director and Secretary. London, W.12.

COMPANY NOTICES

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CONTRACT AND TENDERS

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BOROUGH OF TORBAY
PAVILION THEATRE, TOROUAY
TOrbay has a resident population
of over 100.000, is visited annually
by two million tourists and is acknowledged as a resort and conference centre of international forming centre of international representation is being given to removelling the existing Pavilion Theatre, which is situated on a prominent seafront/harbourside site and offers a unique opportunity as a commercial leisure and enternational complex. Companies and organisations with capital for conversion and with capital for conversion and with enternational visituations with the capital for conversion and with the capital for conversion and with the capital for conversion and with the capital conversion. DAVID P. HUDSON, ESO.. LL.B.. Town Clerk & Chief Executive Officer, Town Hall, Torquey.

PUBLIC NOTICES CHURCH COMMISSIONERS PASTORAL MEASURE 1968 Notice is hereby given by the Church Commissioners that they have PRLPARED a DRAFT PASSIONAL SCHEME TO INDEPEND A DRAFT PASSIONAL SCHEME IN IMPRESENT OF THE RESPONDING SHOPPING TO THE MAINING A COLUMN TO THE MAINING THE WATH-TIPE A COLUMN THE PASSION OF THE PAS

K S. RYLE Secretary Date 10th December, 1974 1 Millbank, London SWIP 3JZ.

CHURCH COMMISSIONERS
PASTORAL MEASURE 1968
Notice is hereby given by the
Church Commissioness that they
have PREPARED a DRAFT PASTORAL SCHEME to implement proposal's sent to them by Kenneth,
iately Bishop of Lincoln for uniting
the parishes of Edilington and Wispington and for making a declaration
of redundancy in respect of the
parish church of the parish of
Wispington.
A copy of the draft scheme may

parish church of the Parish of Wishington.

A copy of the draft scheme may be inspected at the church doors of the parish churches of the parishes of Edington and Wishington.

A copy may also be obtained or inspected during normal office hours upon application to the Church Commissioners office.

Any representations with respect to the draft scheme should be made in writing to the Church Commissioners and should reach their offices not later than 15th January, 1975.

Secretary

Date 10th December, 1974.

Date 10th December, 1974. I Willbank, London SWIP 3JZ.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity—Roth Harrison Research
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Scheme altering the name of the
Charity C50781-A1-L1 Ref. 2527BI-AI-LI
The Charity Commissioners have
made an Order ESTABLISHING a
SCHEME for this and other purloves. Copies can be obtained by
written request to the Charity
Commission, 13 Ryder Street, Loncon, 5 W.1 (quoting ref. no.
2527BI.AI-LI), and may also be
seen at that address.

WILLIAM GEORGE JOHNSON de-

LEGAL NOTICES

No. OCCUPY of 197a

No. OCCUPY of JUSTICE
Chancers Division Companies Court
in the MIGH COURT of JUSTICE
Chancers Division Companies Court
in the Matter of SHAREWISE
Limited and in the Matter of The
Companies Act, 1948

Notice is hereby given that the
PETITION for the WINDING UP of
the above-ramed Company by the
High Court of Justice was on the
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High Court of Justice was on the
Governor and Company of the Bank
of Scotland incorporated by Act of
Parliament: whose head office is
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Court sitting at the Royal Courts of
fusive. Strand, London, WCLA 21L
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person or by his Counsel for that
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to any circler or contributory of
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y appear on the hearing of the said
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January, 1977.

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IN the MIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court in the Matter of The SAUNA Limited and in the Matter of The Notice in the Matter of The Notice is hereby given that the PETITION for the WINDING LIP of the Joby-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 10th day of Docember. 1974, presented to the sald Court by Unfast FASTENER CENTRE LTD. whose registered office is situated at Stering worts. Cocks Street. Birmingham, BR1 RD. West Midlands, and that the said Pottion is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on the 20th day of January, 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said company fer that purpose: and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the underlyined to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on parment of the revulated charge for the same.

JUDGE & PRESTIEV, 32-38

Solicitors for the Petitioners. NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the seid Company requiring such copy on payment of the revulated charge for the same.

JUDGE & PRESTIEV, 32-38

Solicitors for the Petitioners. NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the seid Company requiring of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the person of time. If may be served, or, if posted must be served, or, if the sufficient time to reach the abovenamed not later than 4 o'clock in the sufficient time to reach the abovenamed not later than 4 o'clock in the sufficient time to reach the abovenamed not later than 4 o'clock in the sufficient time to reach the abovenamed not later than 4 o'clo

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No. COSCOP of 1974

IN the Hight COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court in the Matter of The Companies Court in the Matter of The Companies Act. 1948

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In hereby given that the Patter of the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 3rd day of December. 1974, presented to the said Court by Schelpel (U.K.) Limited whose registered office is situate at Heblow industrial Estate. Henlow Camp. Bedfordshire. and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice. Strand. London. WCJ-212 on the said Petition may appear at the time of bearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the requisited charge for the Watter Watter

payment of the regulated charge for the same.

HERBERT OPPENHEIMER.

NATHAN & VANDYK. 20.

Copthell Avenue, Loadon will, London, E.C.2. Solictors for the Petitioner.

NOTE — Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the said served. Or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be served, or, if a firm, and must be served, or if point if any, and he said the said of their solicitor if any, and he sent by post in said point time to reach the aboundance not later than 4 o clock in the afternoon of the 17th day of January, 1975.

In the Matter of The Companies Act.

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19:48, that a MEETING of the Sovenamed Company will be held at the Chartered insurance Institute. 20 Aldermanbury. E.C.2. in the City of London. on Tuesday. 31st December. 1974, at 3.00 pm. for the purpose mentioned in Section 20.1 et seq of the said Act.

Dated this 9th day of December.

1974. By Order of the Board. By Order of the Board.
PHILIP L. OLIVER.
Secretary.

THE COMPANIES ACT 1948 HENRY FRASER Limited HENRY FRASER Limited
Notice is hereby given, pursuant
to section 293 of the Companies
Act 1248, that a MEETING of the
CREDITORS of the above-named
Company will be held at Regent
Centre Hotel. Carburion Street,
London, W.1 on Friday, the 20th
day of December 1974, at 11.00
o'clock in the Forencon, for the
purposes mentioned in sections 294
and, 295 of the said Act.
Dated this 11th day of Decemparposes and 205 of the said Act.

Dated this 11th day of December, 1974.

By Order of the Board.
P. H. WILLIAMSON.
Director.

PUBLIC NOTICES

OFFICIAL NOTICE-PROPOSAL TO CHANGE SRIPS NAMES

We, the Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company of P&O We. the Pennisular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company of P&O Building, Leadenhall Street, London ECSV 4QL hereby give notice, that in consequence of company policy, we have applied to the Depart-ment of Trade, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of 12 of our ships for permission to CHANGE their NAMES as follows:

Present Name of Ship	Official Number	Gross Tonnage	Net Tonnage	Proposed New Name of Ship
NIGARISTAN	341050	9778	5526	STRATEAIRD
TABAR ISTAN	337161	9627	5475	STRATHARLICK
REGISTAN	308226	8819	4870	STRATHANNA
FLORISTAN	306330	9296	5118	STRATHALVE
armanistan	304192	8531	4542	STRATHAVOCH
SHAHRISTAN	306217	9280	5212	STRATHAPPIN
TURKISTAN	304416	9270	5188	STRATHASSYNT
CORJISTAN	302779	9449	5297	STRATEATLOW
KOHISTAN	302528	9423	5246	STRATHABLAK
BAHARISTAN	300950	8121	4632	STRATEAROS
FARSISTAN	300874	9400	8271	STRATHADDIE
BALLICHISTAN	187401	2345	4439	GTD ATH AIRIJE

Any objections to the proposed change of names must be sent to the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen, Liantrisant Road, Liandaff, Cardiff, within seven days from the appearance of this

This 10th day of December 1974

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY

CONTRACTS AND TENDERS

TURKISH ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY ANKARA—TURKEY

FOR THE FOUR (4) X 300 MW AFSIN-ELBISTAN POWER STATION, TURKEY WITH A STEAM GENERATING CAPACITY OF 1020 TONS/H FOR EACH UNIT TO OPERATE ON LOW QUALITY LIGNITE WITH A LOW CALORIFIC VALUE OF 950 KCAL/KG IT IS INTENDED TO TENDER THE FOLLOWING WORK: 1. 1 CIF-delivery and erection (for imported parts), FOS-delivery and erection (for locally procured

parts of:
cables, wires, cable and wire ducts lighting equipment, earthing and lighting systems communication systems (telephone, staff location, clock system), fire alarm systems, piping, valves, instrument connections, insulation, condensate and water tanks, fuel oil tanks, cooling water heat-exchangers, auxiliary pumps, small lifting equipment, workshop and store house equipment (excluding large cranes), boiler house wall panelling, coal conveyor plant wall panelling, a complete hydrogen generating plant, an air conditioning system for the control rooms a heating and vanitating system for all technical buildings, lifts for the technical buildings. Erection work for all mechanical and electrical parts of the power plant procured by TEK under separate contracts.

reparate contracts.

Transportation from Turkish port or border to site of all equipment and material stated items 1.1 and 1.2 and storage at site. Furnishing of all erection equipment and material.

Final painting of the equipment.

lesioning and trial run of the power station.

 the argums filling mass there.
 Executed the erection, testing and commissioning under his own responsibility of at least 3 units with a unit capacity of not less than 200 MW or with a unit capacity of not less than 200 MW or

2. 2 Gained the necessary experience to act as responsible leading party with participants of a joint venture or with subcontractors, who can prove the required qualification in accordance with 2.1 for the most important parts of the power plant.

3. The firms to participate in this bidding have to obtain, from the address mentioned below of the Turkish Electricity Authority. "the certificate for participating in bidding."

Turkye Elektrik Kurumu (TEK) Santrallar Dairesi Baskanligi Necatibey Caddesi No. 3

Maro Han, Kat. 7 Sikbiye-Ankara-Turkey

The firms can gather, either personally or through the mail, free of charge, the "prequalification specification" arranged by the Turkish Electricity Authority from the above stated address of the Owner for receiving "the certificate for participating in bidding". It is requested that, the questions placed in the said specifications having been completely and correctly answered, the answers together with its attachments, be returned to the same address till 15.00 hrs. January

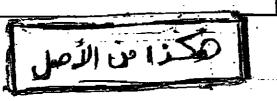
30, 1975.

The firms will be informed as to whether they shall be granted "the certificate for participating in bidding" or not, following the examination of their qualification by the owner.

The tirms will also be informed about the date and manner of receiving the Bidding Specification and the date and manner of submitting the bid, on occasion of their being granted "the certificate for participating in bidding".

The Turkish Electricity Authority is not subject to Lew No. 2490.

TURKIYE ELEKTRIK KURUMU



FINANCIAL NEWS

Dearer borrowing signs in evidence, say **Mercantile Credit**

By Our Financial Staff pany, Mr D. Meinertshagen, chairman, told the annual meet-ing of Mercautile Credit that the disappointing outcome was fell from 5286m to 5216m (25 almost entirely because of an

special deposits and reserve assets. This stood the company panies found themselves in diffi-

culties, and the trend caused Arguably the most difficult money markets to contract still year in the history of the comfurther. But MC had been for tunate in obtaining deposits

per cent), the cost of money unprecedented increase in per cem;, me cost or money unprecedented increase in rose from 31m to a "stagger-money costs. Interest rates ing" 154m, or by 75 per cent escalated rapidly, while inflation gathered pace and economic conditions declined.

As a market of analysis of analysi As a matter of prudence the now already warning signs of a board kept substantial resources reversal of this trend. Its portin liquid form in addition to the folio in property finance is special deposits and reserve broadly divided as to 550m in the residential sector and £30m in good stead in the early elsewhere, including some months of 1974. Major com- 520.6m of land held for developincluding some

BBI profits lifted 25 pc by overseas business

By Fred Wilson in profits was from overseas Profit before taz and extraordinary items of Barclays Bank correct to assume that BBI's International, a wholly owned contribution to Barclays' group subsidiary of Barclays Bank, for profits this year will be higher than last year.

subsidiary of Barclays Bank, for the year ended September 30 shows a significant improvement Profit, including the share or profits less losses of associated companies of 52.28m against there was also some contribution from exchange rates. This is because international business, rise from 546m to 558m. Tax takes 526.6m (£21.2m) deducting the profit attributable to outside shareholders and extraordinary items the balance attributable emerges at 530m, against 526.6m.

The main part of the increase profits this year will be higher than last year.

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ENI denies Snia Viscosa of short-sea shares sale

Rome, Dec 12.-Officials at ENI, the state energy group, deny that the company has sold its 4 per cent holding in Snia Viscosa, the fibres concern. Press reports earlier this week claimed that the interest had been sold to Montedison, the chemicals group, helping it and Mediobanca to gain an absolute Montedison and Mediobanca

which is state owned—controlled 37.1 per cent of Snia Viscosa at June 30—the larest date for which figures are available. They jointly control by far the largest block of shares. Press reports, later denied by both Montedison and Mediobanca, said that the two had also made substantial purchases of Snia Viscosa shares on the open market, but under Italian share-buying regulations identities of buyers can be kept secret even from companies whose

shares are being bought.-AP-

All dividends in new pence or appropriate currencles.

Reshuffle P & O ships

By Michael Baily Shipping Correspondent A major reorganization of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation group's short-sea shipping services is to be carried

out in the new year. A single new unit—P and O Ferries—is being formed with Mr Ian Churcher, formerly general manager of North Sea Ferries, as general manager, and Mr Rodney Leach, head of Transport Division, in overall the group's European and Air

charge.
It will take in a fleet of 30 ships operating to north Europe, France, Spain, Port-ugal, North Africa, and Ireland. Mr John Turner, at present chairman of P and O Short Sea Shipping Ltd, is to retire.

In a statement vesterday P and O said the move is aimed at improved coordination between the group's short-sea shipping and other transport interests in Britain and Europe.

Latest dividends

Company	Ord	Year	Pay	Year's	Prev
(and par values)	₫ŧv	ago	date	total	vear
Anderson Strathclyde (£1) In	t 5.21	4.64	3/2	_	11.55
Arlington Motor (25p) Int	2.10	2.0	3/2	8.78*	8.68
Assoc Eng (25p) Fin	3.63	3.15	_	5.0	4.46
Assoc Food (25p) Int	2.98	2.0	28/1	_	5.51
Assoc TV (25p) Int	2.76	2.98	21/3	· _	7.51
Braithwaite (11) Int	3.32	3.32	<u> </u>	_	8.82
Castlefield (Klang) (10p) Fir	2.36	2.25	1972	2.88	2.75
Clark & Fenn (25p) Int	1.16	0.83	28/1	— ``.	2.74
Dimplex (5p) Int	NI	0.85	- -	_	2.48
Distillers (50n) Int	3.0	2.87	28/3	_	7.41
Dom Hidgs (10p) Int	1.94	1.75	7/2	— .	4.75
Eng Card (25p) Int	1.2	1.07	21 M	=	3.02
Graham Wood (20p) Int	0.83	0.8	27/3	Ξ	2.2
HK (Selangor) (10p) Int	0.74	0.7	29.1		5.95 ·
Holyrood Rbr (£1) Int	5.6	5.0	29/1	— ·	27.5
Incledon & Lambts (25p) Int	: 1.09	1.05 .	1/4	· —	4.13
Killinghall Rhr (100) Fin	6.55	6.25	17/2	8-12	7.75
L'Hall-Sterling (25p) Int	1.3	1.25	4/4	_	4.13
Arthur Lee (121p) Fin	1.56	1.33	21/2	2.08	1.83
Liner Concrete (10p) Fin	0.56	0.51		0.88	0.87
Norton & Wright (100) Int	1.49	1.42	Ξ	<u> </u>	4.4
Redfearn Glass (25p) Fin	3.7	3.21		10.5	4.46
Tex Abrasives (10p) Int	0.96	0.75	3.2	<u> </u>	3.07
R. W. Toothill (25p) Int	1.75	1.75	28/1	5.25*	5.25 ·
Utd Spring (10m) Fin	1.02	0.87	13/2	1.65	1.47
Yation (5p) Int	0.15	0.15	4/4	— î	0.47
† Adjusted for scrip. * Fore	cast.				

Issues & Loans

Noble Gossart, the Edinburgh merchant bankers, have in-creased the equity capita lof Grossart Investments (NGI) the young companies fund which is managed by Noble Grossart. The new capital has increased the shareholders' funds of NGI from

about £1m to £3.8m. A small number of mainly Scottish institutional investors who are clients of Noble Grossart have subscribed for 1.4m new shares at £2 per saare.

loan to the equivalent of £47 (7.7m units of account) to hel establish on the Isle of Lewiin the Hebrides, a steel frabr cation complex for offshor structures.

The European Investmen

Bank, the EEC's long term fir ance institution, has granted

£4 for Hebrides

The loan, which is for a terr of eight years at an intere-rate of 10.5 per cent, has bee made available to Lewis Of shore Lid. formed earlier th year by Fred Olsen Ltd an Aker Group Ltd. of London.

R. & G. CUTHBERT Company plans to increase i to 11 by 1977-78.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

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Source: London.

Extracts from the Statement by the Chairman, Mr. Clive Clague, for the year to 30th June, 1974.

Group pretax trading profit after interest rose from £346,622 to £536,724.

Horticultural Division. The 25% increase in trading profit and maintained net margins are most encouraging. This year we should exceed last year's profits by a considerable margin. We also have great hopes for our first export venture: Carters' seeds will be on sale in Canada in 1975.

Hardware Wholesaling Division. Having completed our acquisition phase, we are concentrating on warehouse and distribution rationalisation and market development. Our turnover makes us the largest group in the industry. In July 1974 we launched "Hardware House" to provide the independent retailer with low cost, nationally branded products and a wide variety of promotional items to enable him to keep on equal terms with any major retail group. Response has been excellent.

The Group is particularly well placed not merely to survive, but to continue to achieve real growth. We have begun successfully to demonstrate the potential we have created and will continue aggressively to pursue profitable opportunities.

Full copies of the Annual Report can be obtained from: the Secretary, R. & G. Cuthbert Limited, Caldecot House, Goff's Oak, Waltham Cross, Herts.

Veba warns of lower earnings

Düsseldorf, Dec 12.—The 1974 results of Veba Group will probably be slightly lower than last year's net profit of DM353m (£56.8m), says Herr Rudolf Von Bennigsen Foerder.

Group sales should rise by roughly 40 per cent to DM17,000m, thanks mainly to heavy cost increases for mineral oil and chemical basic products.

So far this year results in the chemicals, glass production, trading, transport and services sectors have improved, but those for electricity and mineral oil are worse.—AP-DJ.

Wolv'n & Dudley vield to costs Severe increases in costs are

Dudley Breweries for a fall in pre-tax profits from a record 23.8m to £3.4m on turnover up from £19.3m to £21.6m.

There is no intention, however, of cutting back on the expansion plan. The board feels

that this is essential to future growth, although the group will have to bocrow more heavily in 1975 to finance it. SMITHS DIDUSTRIES
Trading for first four months

of current year has produced profits before tax ahead of same period last year, chairman, Mr R. G. Cave, told annual meeting. CITY OF DUBLIN BANK
City of Dublin Bank reports
peak pre-tax profit of £245,000
for year to September 39, 1974,
marginally ahead of last year's
£243,006.

INTERIM STATEMENT



Interim Statement

The half-yearly results of ATV Corporation are cxcellent for all the Company's main divisions, with the exception of those for ATV Network Limited. Here the decline in profit is as predicted in the Corporation's last Annual Report.

Though for the second half-year results for ATV Network Limited are not expected to show any improvement, in other divisions (notably records and music publishing) there is marked improvement and there is every reason for confidence in the overall results for the year.

The state of

Nevertheless, in present economic circumstances, the Directors have felt it prudent to make a nominal reduction in the rate of the interim dividend.

At a Board Meeting held today, 12th December, 1974 the Directors declared an interim dividend for the year ending 30th March, 1975 of 1.85p per Unit to holders of the "A" Ordinary Stock Units of 25p each, which with the imputed tax credit, amounts to 2.7612p per Unit compared with 2.98275p in 1973. Dividend warrants will be posted on the 21st March, 1975 to stock holders on the register on the 24th February 1975.

The unsudited results for the first 27 weeks of the current financial year are:-	27 Weeks to 29.9.74	27 Weeks to 30.9.73	Full Year to 24.3.74
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Group profit before taxation	2,434	3,347	7.268
Taxation.	1,265	1,740	3,582
Profit after taxation	1,169	1,607	3,686
Minority interests Attributable to members of the	24	31	70
Holding Company	1.145	1 <i>5</i> 76.	3,616
Amount absorbed by dividends Earnings per 25p "A" Ordinary Unit	774	883	2,154
(after tax)	2.749	3.77p	8.64p

Associated Television Corporation Limited

Beaverbrook Newspapers : Con-

Profit expected

Beaverbrook Newspapers

not in a loss-making position at present and should return to

profits this term, Sir Max Aitken, chairman, said after

The group's financial year to

June 30 traditionally started poorly, but the second half was

expected to produce a good result, he said. In 1973-74 there was a taxable loss of £1.35m.

Earlier the chairman had told

shareholders that " the patch of

blue" he saw ahead depended

on continuous production, which was absolutely necessary for a

On the newsprint situation Sir

Max said in his view manufac-

turers had been putting up the price for the British market far

more than they had in the United States and Canada. The

company was a small share-

holder in both Capital and Clyde

editor of the Daily Express, has been elected to the board of the

company. Sir Max said the paper had "improved immeasur-ably" since he took over five

newspaper.

Radio.

yesterday's annual meeting.

this term at

Beaverbrook

e Wendel's strong role in effort block takeover of Firminy

December 12.-Purchases and is still buying. sares by iron and steel be Wendel continue in aree-cornered struggle for of Marine Firminy. g come into the reckoning eek with the disclosure of ir cent stake, and avowing ition to Denain-Nord-estvy, a spokesman confirms ne group has now acquired 10 per cent in the market. Wendel purchases have had the

The core of the battle, through Marine-Firminy, is for Creusot-Loire. The French-Belgian Loire. The French-Belgian Schneider Group, which owns 32 per cent of Firminy, recopsidered a decrion to cede this to Denain. After Schneider's opposition, the Firming board said it could not recommend acceptance of Denain's offer, which is valid until January 23. Meanwhile, the active De

effect of raising Firminy's of Denain's bid.

Denain's offer would amount to some 140.8 francs a share. But those of Firminy (on the De Wendel purchases) rose to as much as 159 francs during this week, closing today at 156.5 francs. De Wendel started buy-ing Firminy shares early this month when they were requoted following the opening of Denain's bid.—AP-DJ.

ecord again at United Spring

arcity of material, United c profit increased 28 per o a fresh record £944,000 nover up 37 per cent to a ser £12.05m for the year ptember 30. Earnings show a rise from 3.930 to while the total payment p from 1.47p to 1.65p. midway when pre-tax pro-6 up from £320,000 to 10. Mr David Westwood, ian, was confident that ne profits would show r appreciable growth, newcomer Hengelose abrick Bakker, acquired y, turned in a contribu-well up to forecast".

cengate plan ructure

taking in Slater Walker nent Trust (SA) profits of gate Investment reached to (£121,000) for the year ptember 30. Turnover, represents the proceeds triry sales by the dealing aries, increased from

earnings a share of (5.23p) the net asset value 8p a share at the year lculated after a provision 1m (42p a share) to allow vestment currency pre-losses. It is hoped the part of this provision will

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TO in Italy

ro Chemical Group in a enture with Sayer Lack NORTON & WRIGHT
Interim taxable profit £186,000
(£150,000) from turnover up from
£51,000 to £692,000. Earnings
3.28p (2.86p) a share. Dividend
1.49p (1.42p).
DOM HOLDINGS SpA which is capitaat 15m lire (about 10). The new company is arket United Kingdom actured chemicals which ce urethane foams, rs, and textile coatings, scrion capacity is expected 1 two years. Sayer Lack a major position in Italy manufacture of traditional urethane varnishes for

uisition by GEI

Anglo-Continental Trust has become London Branch of Banque Occidentale pour l'industrie et le commerce. S.A. Welders, of m. The consideration is e in equal annual instalover the next five years is financed by direct ving from Kredietbank abourg.

On at peak

d though the results are son, the group had hoped petter. Taxable profits for ear to July 31 are more loubled to £336,000 but at £360,000 was forecast at ime. Turnover is ahead 12.8m to £4.2m.

dividend of this bolt and £334,000 cash GEI Inter-al, the broadly-based

2.25p, while earnings a share are ahead from 3.6p to 6.8p.

Substantial cuts in

borrowings by Yatton Although turnover of Yatton Furniture in the half year to September 30 rose from \$1.87m to \$2.2m, taxable profits fell from \$130,000 to \$123,000. The interim dividend is held at 0.15p. The chairman says borrowings have been reduced substantially during recent months and, following a period of short-time working, the group now has a satisfactory order hook ; all departments are busy. subsidiary, returned taxable profits of £127,000 (£116,000) and turnover of £1.000 Furniture, the main turnover of

Clark & Fenn cheer

Clark & Fenn (Holdings), which makes acoustic and other building products, hoisted its taxable profits in the half year to June 30 by 30 per cent to £410,000; and the board are confident that the full year's profit should comfortably exceed £875,000—a new group record. Turnover added 18 per cent to £4.37at.

The profit improvement re-

Briefly

GRAHAM WOOD STEEL
Half-time profit £248,000
(£178,000) pre-tax with earnings
3.21p (2.35p) a share.
LINER CONCRETE
In year to August 31 profit
£467,000 (£421,000) pre-tax out of
turnover of £5.42m (£4.82m).
Earnings 2.98p (2.95p) a share.
NORTON & WRIGHT

Interim profit £301,000 (£316,000)

pre-tax with earnings 1.97p (2.05p) a share. Directors bave reduced stock levels, but intend to keep reasonably high level to safe-

In half to September 30 turn-ver £1.44m (£1.23m) and taxable

0.96p (0.75p).
ANGLO-CONTINENTAL TRUST
Anglo-Continental Trust has
become London Branch of Banque

GRAHAM WOOD STEEL

NORTON & WRIGHT

guard growth.
TAX ABRASIVES

flects continuing high activity

flects continuing high activity in all divisions, and current liquidity is satisfactory.

The interim dividend is being raised from 0.83p to 1.16p, the maximum permitted and the directors have decided to pay the whole of the annual increase at this time to reduce disparity.

Incledon & Lamberts slowing down

Because of present trading conditions, the board of Incledon & Lamberts, makers of plastic pressure pipes, can now see no prospect of matching last year's record profit level of \$10,000. This is in raise of \$10.000. Last year's record profit level of 2610,000. This is in spite of a rise in pre-tax profits from £286,000 to £351,000 on turnover of £2.46m, against £2.3m. lurnover for 1973 included £397,000 from H. Incledon & Co. which has since ceased trading.

'Huntsman' brewer

Dorchester brewers Eldridge Pope, which sells draught beers under the brand name of Huntsman, agaio reports a record pre-tax profit up from £679,000 to £704,000 and the "net" slightly down from £384,000 to £362,000. The final dividend is raised from the equivalent of 2.24p to 3.31p.

Business appointments

Promotions at Allied **Breweries**

Mr Keith Showering is to become deputy chairman and chairman-designate of Allied Breweries. Sir Gerald Thorley will retire as chairman and chief executive next September. Mr Derrick Holden-Brown will become an executive vice-chairman, as will Mr Tom Boardman. Dr Bernard Kilkenny will become deputy shair-man of Ailled Breweries (UK) continuing as a joint managing director of that company. Mr J. F. Main, chairman of the

European division of Rowntree Mackintosh, will become chairman of the export division in succession to Mr S. A. Free, who retires on January 20. Mr J. Nutter, chair-man of the overseas division, will man of the overseas division, will become chairman of the European division and deputy chairman of the UK confectionery division on January 1. Mr I. Mackintosh, deputy chairman of the UK confectionery division, will become chairman of the overseas division. Mr D. Cramb will succeed Mr W. S. Porteous as chairman of the succeed division.

W. S. Porteous as chairman of the grocery division.

Mr Les Carpenter, recently appointed chairman and chief executive of IPC (excluding the newspaper division) is also to be chairman of IPC Magazines. Mr Edward Pickering, IPC Magazines' former chairman, becomes chairman of IPC Newspapers. Mr Edward Court and Mr Ron Phillips Edward Court and Mr Ron Phillips become joint managing directors of IPC Magazines.

The following management appointments have been made by Prodential: Mr F. M. Simpson, assistant general manager; Mr S. C. Young, deputy group pen-sions manager; Mr J. W. Wicklson, senior fire and accident

Mr A. R. C. B. Cooke has resigned from the Boards of Jessel Securities, Jessel Trust and the London Australian and General Exploration Co. Mr David Beretta becomes chairman and chief executive of Uni-

royal.

Mr Daniel P. Reid has been made senior vice-president and general manager of Trans World

Three appointments have been made to the board of Matthew Hall. They are: Mr A. R. Brown, managing director of Matthew Hall Mechanical Services; Mr Hall Mechanical Section, C. D. Watson, managing director of Holliday Hall; and Mr P. L. Waite, who has rejoined the group of Waite, who has rejoined the group and become managing director of Matthew Hall Engineering. Mr. D. E. Clancey has relinquished his position as managing director of Matthew Hall Engineering but remains chairman and chief executive of that subsidiary. Mr. J. Littlewood, projects director is now deputy managing director of Matthew Hall Engineering.

Saver streamyeddents elected by

Seven vice-presidents elected by
Amax Inc include: Mr William
F. Distler. Mr W. Hollie Hopper,
Mr Everett C. Horne, Mr J.
Gordon McCullough, Mr Harry W.
Meyer, Mr Alexander SchmidtFeliner and Mr Michael Simeon. Feliner and Mr Michael Simeon.
Mr L. C. Hunting is the new chairman of the Hunting Group. He also takes over the chair of the two public companies within the group, Hunting Gibson and Hunting Associated Industries. He succeeds Mr C. P. M. Hunting.

Mr D. M. Fowler has been made director of Johnson Group

Cleaners.

Mr Michael Bonn has joined the board of North Atlantic Securities.

The following appointments have been made by Empire Stores (Sradford): Mr Raiph Scott.

managing director; Mr Donald Hale, finance director; Mr John Simon, buying director. Mr C. 1.

Wells remains executive chairman.

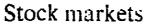
Mr Sem Brostoff has retired as Mr Sam Brostoff has retired as chairman of Fattorini & Sons and is succeeded by Mr John Gratwick.

Mr A. J. H. Buckley, managing director of Slater, Walker Securities, has joined Rockware Group

ties, has joined Rockware Group
as a non-executive director.

Mr Alan Ball has become the
new planning director of the glass
container division of United Glass.

Miss Jennifer Tanburn has been
appointed to the newly-created
position of head of research and
consumer affairs within the United
Kingdom food distribution division
of Booker McConnell.



Share rally fades

The disclosure of a record deficit on overseas trade in November put paid to a technical rally in the equity market yesterday. Share prices put up a brave performance at first, in the face of renewed pressure both on gilt-edged stocks and on the pound. The trade delicit was slightly below the City's worst fears, but large enough to send shares in the major overseas earners back towards their overnight levels. The FT index, standing at 152.8 abead of the trade figures news, closed a ner 0.4 down at 150.0 tthe lowest since June 16.

Gilts were down again, particularly at the shorter end-But the losses were not as bad as might have been expected after the trade figures and may have reflected a feeling that the decline earlier in the week had discounted a large deficit. "Shorts" opened lower and fell back in the morning Most stocks were | point down before the release of the trade figures, but dropped a further or point after them. The continuing weakness of sterling also unsettled sentiment.

"Longs" were easier as well, but in quite active trading conditions business was occasionally two-way. Most stocks tended to open a point lower, but bear-closing in the morning more than offset this and by lunchtime prices generally were ! point up. By the close, however, falls ranged up to !

after hours trading a

slightly harder tone was dis-cerned, perhaps because of signs that the militants in the union were losing miners ground to the moderates.

As well as the trade figures, equities were influenced by developments at the miners' union. But the chief factor behind the gentle rise of yes-terday morning was undoubt-edly technical. ICI, finally un-

the trade figures announcement. Similar tertimes left Beecham (110p) and Courtaulds (65p) unchanged, and Unilever (153p) a shade casier.

At 21p, Dunlop Holdings showed the effects of a bout of salling which followed reports that a chart analyst had marked them as a "sell".

Newspaper shares were marked down on the production troubles inside the industry. Thousen Organisation fell by 4p to 41p.
But tirm features included

shares expected to benefit from the developments in southern Africa, with Turner & Newall a good spot at 65p.

For the rest of the United

Kingdom industrial share securs, it was a day of small gains which gradually luced towards the ete of the state. Fresh speculation on a bid for Furness wanty inter the shares strongly. Most of the speculators were quoting remarks made by a major Arab investor at the Lourab meeting, where references more mode to where references were made to further investments in British

companies.
Consumer stocks shared in the general fortune Marks & Spencer dipped to 95p. and Boots to 90p. Turnover was light

on these share pitches.

Interest in gold shares was reduced but with buildin pitches. firm in London, there was support for the South Arrican pro-ducers. Vaal Reefs at £281 were 50p up, and St Helena (£281) and Western Areas (560p) also ended with mistor gains. Bank shares were easier troperties saw little interest. Equity turbover on Decea ber 11 was 135.2m (11.546 bargains). Active stocks yestercay, according to Exchange Telegraph, were Cons Col. fields. ICl. I or nro, Unilever, RTZ, Courtaulds, Reed Int. Const. Co. . . . Oil, Charter Consolidated.

Smith Bros, the jobbers, will increase the range of their textile market from December 24 changed on the day at 116p, to include stocks handled by looked firm at first but dipped to 115p immediately following trading on December 23.

The Times Awards for the best advertisement of a company's results to appear in 1974.

The closing date (31st December) for the 1974 Award Scheme is now very close and we would like to remind those companies wishing to take part in the competition that they must submit their entries by 6th January at the latest. No further entries will be accepted

after this date.

Entries should be sent to:-Michael Mander, Advertisement & Marketing Director, The Times Awards, The Times, New Printing House Square, London WC1X 8EZ.

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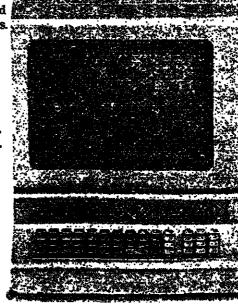
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Foreign Exchange

Fresh 'low' for sterling

Sterling was driven down to new "lows" in international currency trading yesterday when a record British monthly trade deficit of £534m was re-ported for November. This added to anxiety over the

economy. The Bank of England's effective sterling depreciation rate. measured against major currencies, deteriorated to a new "low" of 21.9 per cent comof 21.9 per cent, compared with 21.4 per cent on

Wednesday. Sterling dropped to 2.3075

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SOUTHVAAL HOLDINGS LIMITED DECLARATION OF DIVIDEND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that dividend No. 1 of 9 cents a share, being a maiden dividend for the year ending 31st December, 1974, has been declared payable to members registered in the books of the company at the close of business on 27th December, 1974. company at the close of business on 27th December, 1974.

The transfer registers and registers of members will be closed from 28th December, 1974 to 10th January, 1975, both days inclusive, and warrants will be posted from the Johannesburg and United Kingdom offices of the transfer secretaries on or about 6th February.

1975. Registered members paid from the United Kingdom will receive the United Kingdom currency equivalent on 28th January, 1975 of the rand value of their dividends (less appropriate laxes). Any such members may however elect to be paid in South African currency provided that the request is received at the offices of the transfer secretaries in Johannesburg or in the United Kingdom on or before 27th December, 1974.

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United Kingdom
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The effective rate of non-resident shareholders' tax is 15 per cent.
The dividend is payable subject to conditions which can be inspected at the head and London offices of the company and also at the offices of the company's transfer secreteries in Johannesburg and the United Kingdom.

After providing R1 529 000 for taxation the profit for the year ending 31% December. 1974 is estimated at R2 194 000 which with the unappropriated profit brought forward from 1973 of R987 000 will make an estimated total available for appropriation at the year end of R3 181 000. The dividend declared will absorb R2 340 000

By order of the Board

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against the dollar, to show a fall of 95 points on the day. It also weakened in forward markets, but the dollar itself was under some pressure in Europe at

times during the session. The Bank of England was felt to have given further support to the pound, particularly in the afternoon session at the time of publication of the United Kingdom trade figures. Earlier. trading around the pound had been slightly calmer, with some commercial demand for the

Some London dealers believe the British monetary authorities are now mounting an effort to sharply drive up short-term nonresident sterling interest rates. to obtain a reversal of some of . the speculative positions against the pound emerging this week. Some short term Eurosterling deposit interest rates are alread; nearing 30 per cent,

dealers noted. However, there was some disagreement about the longer-term direction of British in-terest rates, following renewed

pressure on sterling. While some quarters were

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Wall Street

New York, Dec 12.-Wall Street prices moved lower early today in

Mining

Bank of England's minimum lending rate will be hoisted

sharply today from its current

11.5 per cent, elsewhere it was

believed that the United King-

dom authorities might wish to

limit any upward movement in interest rates at present, par-ticularly with international interest levels in the United

States and Europe on a down-

Discount market

Gold rose by \$1.75 an ounce

The London money market was

very nervous throughout, await-

ing the November trade figures

ward track.

A maiden from Southvaal

Bearing out the forecast made in April, Southvaal has declared a maiden dividend-18c-from the revenue accruing from production on the Vaal Reefs South lease area. But dominating the situation are the future capital expenditure requirements.

At Vaal Reefs a final of 120c has been declared, which, with the interim of 100c, raises the total for the year to 220c (115c). Subject to the usual caveats, Barlow Rand expects a further Western Deeps is raising its final from 70c to 90c a share and the totals from 1221c to 160c with some of the dividend potential having been reduced by the labour disturbances

pared with 3,840,000 traded dur-ing the same period on Wednes-

day.
The United States Government reported the wholesale price index rose 1.2 per cent but noted index rose 1.2 per cent but noted the 0.9 per cent rise in commodities was the slowest since. September, 1973. That apparently was the sign President Ford referred to in a speech Wednesday night that there were indications inflation had eased.

Yesterday the Dow Jones industrial average closed up 1.48 at 595.35.

moderately active trading. At 11 am the Dow Jones industrial average was 0.62 down at 594.73 after dropping 3.67 at one stage. The first-hour turnover amounted to about 3,600,000 shares, com-10 11

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NY silver eases after early gains

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COCOA.—Confirmation of the suspected lag in chocolate industry activity was expected around the middle of January when fourth quarter corosa hean grinding figures are relyased from the United

Sugar futures gain up to £18 after heavy losses

Wide price swings were seen in London SUGAR futures yesterday before closing 54 to 518 a long ton dearer. The daily price was reduced another 520 to 5440 a ton. Futures held at Wednesday's ilmit down levels for most of the morning apart from some light buying interest around mid session which cleared the small selling pools and saw prices temporarily move above the lows. But there was no follow through interest and by the end of the early session. March to October week. session March to October were unchanged at limit down and distant positions £1 higher to £8 below Wednesday's 17.00 hours levels.

which were expected to be the worst ever and not due to be released until the end of the day. Nevertheless, the pointers were to a flat overall state of Meanwhile the Paris Commer-cial Court ruled that the difference between the settlement price fixed under Article 22 and the closing were to a flat overall state of credit, so discount houses were inclined to stand back when rates were initially asked in the flat to 11 per cent area.

Though there was some "calling", money was making an appearance as the morning wore on, and lunchtime found houses able to pull halances at 8 or 9 per cent. During the early part legal inferest rate of 6 per cent.
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New Paris commodity

market president

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Coffee producers agree

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has been maintained, to raise But Mr C. S. Barlow points the total for the year from 50c to 85c, but the longer term depends both upon the future of the bullion price and upon the success of the drilling proout in his annual review that if the group is to remain oriented towards growth, a high degree of cash retention will be required. In addition, to further financing of the traditional activities, large sums will be required in future for the expan-The dving East Daggafontein has reduced its final to 10c, sion of the coal, chrome, steel compared with an interim pay-ment of 15c. and a total declaraand television divisions. Globe & Phoenix: Pre-tax propayments are subject to the recovery in the clean-up opera-

fits for the six months to end-June fell from 587,000 to 569,000, including losses of associates amounting to £50,000 (profits £22.000). After tax of £66,000 (£38.000) net profits are down from £49,000 to £3.000.

on price guarantees The 42 producer members of the

International Coffee Agreement (ICA) agreed that a new pact must (ICA) agreed that a new pact must contain price guarantees with provision for automatic and periodic re-adjustment. Senor Fausto Cantu Pena, the chairman of the coffee producers group said in London.

Senor Cantu, who is also president of the Mexican Coffee Institute, said the producers do not regard this as a pre-condition to talks on a new ICA. But he said they believe the price issue should be tackled first to enable meaningful discussions to continue.

ful discussions to continue. Andrew Wilson | The text of the producers resolution is as follows: "The world producers group considers it essential and indispensable for the

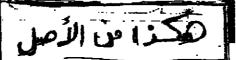
re-negotiation of the International Coffee Agreement that such agreement contains a system of basic price guarantees with automatic and periodic price re-adjustments with a view to preserving the real sales value of coffee."

Referring to the Sauves Centrales SA venture. Senor Cantusaid this will be set up, with the company's seat probably in Venezuela. And on the producers 1973-74 retention programme he said the producers have stocked 86 per cent of the 5.5m bag target under cent of the 5.5m bag target under the scheme.
Presidents from Central America

and Venezuela are expected to endorse the producers' decisions today Senor Cantu said.

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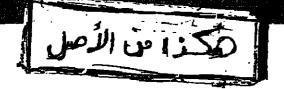
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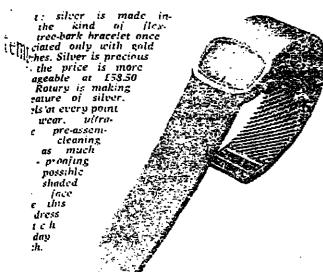
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(right). The usual figures are there with small, clear

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time phrases. With red or blue strap and tough enough for the young to wear, it is by Smiths Industries and sells at about 15.84.

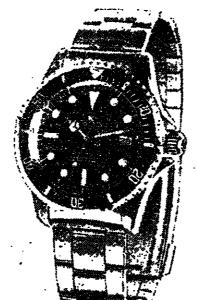






llung the car keys on a job watch stamped with the model name. The MG watch (above) is £8 in tough steel, and there are codiac signs for stargazers as well as keys for many brands of cars. The unisex wrist-watch has a steel hangle

end a crystal-clear plastic face. It is one of a range featuring ovals, rectangles, squares or circles, with cases in smoky, clear or tortoiseshell plastic—from about £16 to £21. Both are from Old England.



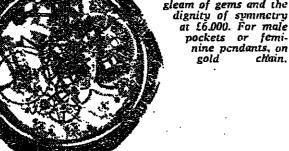
The Rolex Sea-Dweller (left) is guaranteed to a depth of 2,000 ft! An experimental Rolex Oyster dived nearly seven miles beneath the Pacific strapped to Professor Piccard's bathuscaph Trieste, where pres-sure topped six tons a square inch. The Rolex patent valve to allow escape of gas was born of the decompression chambers used for underwater exploration. The deepsea watch is self-winding and sells for about £207. It works just as well on dry land, giving date as well as time.

> Digital time on a Seth Thomas Quartzmatic (right), accurate to within 60 sec a year. Dark digits stand out on the grey dial; in silvertone case with bracelet-type strap, this costs about £140 from General Time.





Omega's Megaquartz 2400 (above) is guaranteed to be accurate to within a second a month. A minute waferthin quartz crystal vibrates inside it at the rate of nearly 2,400,000 times a second when stimulated by the electric current from the tiny, aspirin-sized battery. hour and second hands can be independently set, and the watch resists shock, magnetic fields, water and temperature changes while the jitted, waterproof case keeps out dust and humidity. With calendar, this watch costs £2,050 in 18-carat yellow gold but a stainless steel model is on the way, to sell



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leading jewellers.

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Others specialize; a British firm. Anglo-Weightman, is one of the best-known home producers of high quality

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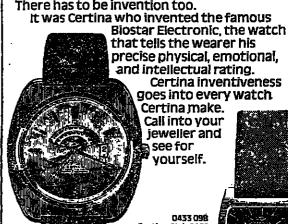
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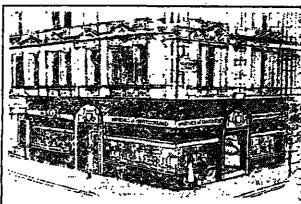
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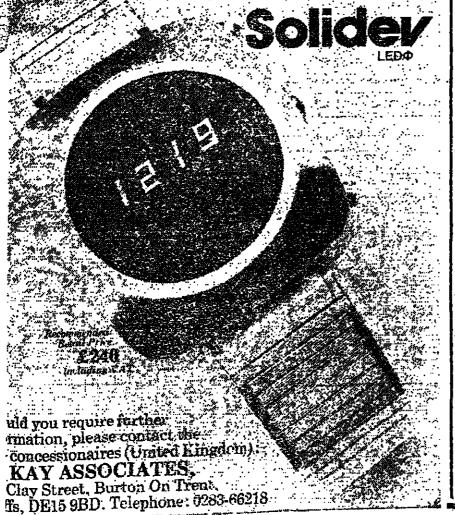
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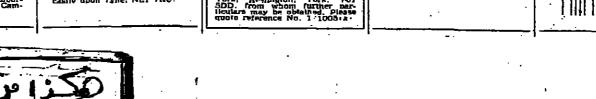
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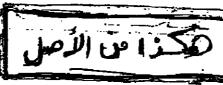
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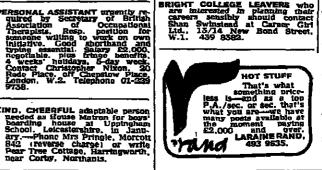
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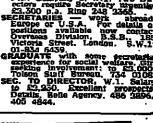
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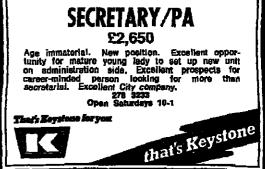
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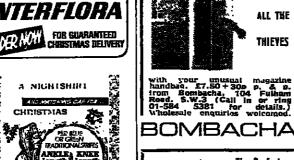
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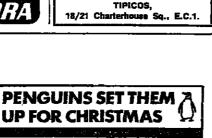


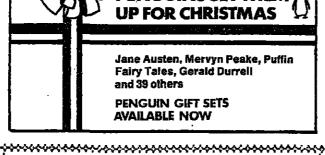












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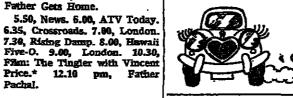
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Report. 11.00, Southern News. 11.10, Police Story. 12.05 am, Spare Tyres. 12.35, Weather.

Scene. 5.50 News. 6.00, Today. Peter Lorre.*

11.00 In Vision: Tony Hancock.

11.30 News.

12.00-12.05, Robert Hardy reads
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Film. Satan's School for
Girls, with Pamela
Franklyn. 12.50 Learning to Live. Granada Simbad Junior. 5,25, Cross-roads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Day by Day. Scene South East. 6.40, Out of Town. 7.10, Rising Deep. 7.40, Film: Trattor's

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liquiney—a daughter (Sarah
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ROBINSON.—On December 5th, at Jassep Rospital. Shalfield, to Janifer nee White and filehard Brisin son—a daughter (Rosana). Mary —a skater for Sarah.

SMCLABE.—On December 5th, at Nary — a sister for Sarah.

SINCLAIR,—On December 7th, at Westminster Rosolial, London, to Judy and Hubbe Sinclair—a son Joseph McCatado.

STRAW.—On Thursday. December 12th of Princes Mary Hospital. Vewcastle-unon-Tyne. to Barbara and Philip—a son (Richard Watson). YOUNG.—On 11th December, at Princess Aloxandra's Horpital. Harlow, to Madeline nee Philips and David Young—a daughter.

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Borderers); of Winsons Farm,
Holford, Bridgwater, beloved husband of Joan, loving father and
grandjather, Funeral at 51, Mary
the Virgin Church, Holford
Tuesday, December 17th, at 2.30
p.m.

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1 Hunter's vigil (5).
4 Mason or sailor? (9).
9 Fish that cause painful sun-

burn? (5-4). 10 Put back for example the

that gets in your hair (4).
19 Bird in the wood (4).

20 Through the pass to a bill it filters (10).

28 Two act differently in voting .—for such parties? (9).

1 Joke made by an erudite Chink? (9).

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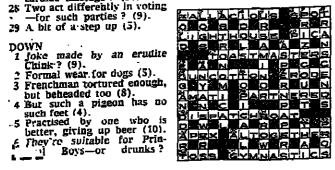
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